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# THE MAYFLOWER MONTHLY

THE MAYFLOWER monthly magazine, long the leading publication in floriculture, now devoting each number largely to one special subject, and that is treated thoroughly and completely, giving all needful information regarding origin and the care and culture necessary to bring forth its highest development. In short, a complete, though brief and concise treatise, with fine illustrations on some flower, or plant (or other subject) that will enable anyone to handle it with the utmost ease and success. All important features are retained, such as: "Correspondence, Questions and Answers;" "Information Box;" Timely Articles and Comments, and good miscellaneous articles as far as space will allow, after thoroughly treating and illustrating the leading subject for the issue, which in itself will be a complete book.

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Telling how to grow, cut, dry and make up into bouquets, wreaths, etc., all kinds of Everlasting Flowers and Ornamental Grasses.

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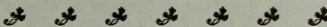
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**OXALIS.** A few bulbs will fill a large pot with charming foliage and gay blossoms. They commence growth and bloom as soon as planted. Cannot do without them.

**IRIS.** Some varieties, particularly Hispanica, are indispensable for winter blooming. They cost so little and a pot of half-dozen bulbs, of different colors, will be one of the most attractive in a collection of winter flowers.

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strong bulbs. Throw away no time or money upon weak ones.

The culture of all these Bulbs is very simple. They can be potted during September, October or November, watered well and set away in a cellar or any cool, dark place to make roots, when, after remaining four or six weeks, or as much longer as desired, they can be brought out for blooming. We earnestly advise potting the bulbs as early as possible, especially if flowers are desired as early as New Year's, for the longer time they have to make roots the better they will bloom. By bringing out a few pots at different times a succession of bloom can be kept up all winter. If they are kept in a cool place while in bloom the flowers will keep perfect a long time. For the benefit of those who desire more explicit cultural directions we give it here in detail:

**SOIL**—The variety of soil is not a very important item in bulb culture. Any good garden loam will answer, but if we had a variety to choose from we would take a rich, sandy soil and mix it with a small quantity of leaf-mold. Do not use manure unless it is very old and well pulverized, and then only in small quantities, or it may cause the bulb to decay, or encourage too rank a growth of foliage.

**TIME TO PLANT**—Bulbs can be planted from September to December, and some kinds even later, but the earlier the better will be the result, especially if desired for early blooming. Plant in September or October if possible.

**PLANTING**—In planting, set the bulbs just below the surface of the soil, so that they will be entirely covered. Set the bulbs down in the soil and cover them; do not press them in by force, for this packs the soil under them, and when the roots start they are apt to lift the bulb.

**AFTER PLANTING**—They should be well watered and set away in some cool, dark place to make root. A cellar is best, for it is desirable that they should be kept moist and as cool as possible, hence a warm, dry place is not a good one. Water them from time to time as the soil becomes dry. They should remain in this position at least four weeks, and as much longer as possible, it being desirable that they should have good roots before bringing them out to bloom.

**BLOOMING**—When brought from the cellar or storeroom the pots or bulbs should be placed in a light, sunny window. See that they are watered frequently and have as much fresh air as possible. Keep them free from dust, and when in bloom they will last much longer kept in a cool atmosphere than in a hot one.

## Culture in the Garden.

Bulbs are especially valuable for outdoor planting, as they bloom at a time when the garden is utterly destitute, and make it gay and attractive. Scillas, Snowdrops and Crocus appear as soon as the snow is away, and are quickly followed by Hyacinths, Narcissus, Tulips, etc. The display which a few of these bulbs make in the early spring is indeed charming, and they are always appreciated more than any other class of flowers, for they come when most needed.

For garden culture bulbs do not need a very rich soil and are easily cared for. Plant in September, October or November, which are the best months. Late in the fall the beds can be covered with leaves or other coarse litter, which should be removed early in spring. After the bulbs are through flowering the leaves soon turn yellow and die, and are then ripe enough to be taken up and stored away for planting again in the fall, leaving the beds to be filled with other plants for the summer display, or, if desired, they can be left in the beds the whole year.

**PREPARATION OF BEDS**—Spade up so that the beds will be a little higher than the surface, so that water will readily drain off. If the soil is poor, add a liberal quantity of well-rotted manure.

**TIME TO PLANT**—September and October are the best months for planting bulbs in the garden, though it may be done in November and December. Set them from one to six inches apart, according to variety or size, and from one to three inches deep.

**PROTECTION**—After planting, the beds should be covered with leaves, straw or other coarse litter (as a mulch or protection), which should be removed when the bulbs start in early spring. This is not necessary to save the bulbs for most kinds are perfectly hardy in any situation without protection, but it is most advisable to do it, for it preserves the vitality of the bulbs to a great extent, and when in bloom you can notice that those which were protected will do twice as good as those which were not.



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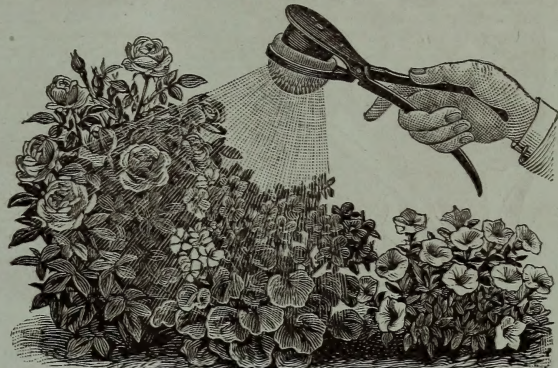
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- King of the Blues**—An enormous compact spike of bloom, of a deep indigo-blue color. One of the finest.
- La Franchise**—A magnificent variety. Large, long spikes of bluish-white blossoms, turning afterward to a snowy-white; petals very broad, and flowers of great substance measuring two inches across.
- Pieneman**—A magnificent sort, with enormous sky-blue bells arranged in graceful spikes of great size.  
Price, 20c. each; the 5 for 75c. \$1.50 per doz.

#### 5 GRAND AND RARE SORTS.

- La Grandesse**—Finest single white. Very large spikes and bells. Color, clear waxy white.
- Mammoth or Lily Hyacinth**—Gigantic pendulous bells, each one of which is almost as large as a small lily. Color, white, delicately shaded blush. A most superb object.
- Obelisque**—A rare and exceedingly scarce variety, being the grandest of all yellow colors. Spike small and compact, while the color is the very best yellow.
- Queen of the Blues**—Enormous spikes; one of the very largest. Beautiful light blue with silvery appearance.
- Roi des Belges**—Fine, massive spikes, crowded with flowers that open a rich self-carmine, gradually turning into a dark, glowing crimson. The brightest Hyacinth.  
Price 25c. each; the 5 for \$1.00. \$2.00 per doz.

### THE ABOVE 15 UNSURPASSED SORTS FOR \$2.00.

### Mixed Hyacinths.

Our Mixed Hyacinths are not ordinary stock, but fine large bulbs which will give magnificent bloom either in the house or garden.

	Per doz.	Per 100.
Single Mixed, all Colors, extra fine.....	.75	\$4 50
Double Mixed, all Colors, extra fine.....	.75	\$4 50
Double and Single Mixed, extra fine.....	.65	\$4 00
Pompon Mixed, all Colors, double and single..	.50	\$2 50
Roman Mixed, all Colors, double and single..	.50	\$2 50

### Best Double Hyacinths.

Grand select bulbs, grown especially for winter blooming, for which purpose each variety here offered is a real gem. Please remember that these bulbs are extra large and strong.

#### 5 SPLENDID SORTS.

- Bouquettendre**—Tall and compact truss; beautifully shaped florets of a tender rose color.
- Bouquet Royal**—Fine light pink or blush. Extra large spike and very beautiful.
- Grootvorst**—Compact truss, large and very double bells of bluish-white, with a touch of lilac-rose at center.
- La Virginate**—Spikes of tubular bells; soft bluish-white.
- Prince of Saxe Wiemar**—Tall spikes of rich indigo-blue.  
Price 15c. each; the 5 for 60c. \$1.25 per doz.

#### 5 EXTRA FINE SORTS.

- Sunflower**—Splendid large flower; one of the best yellows.
- Lord Castlereagh**—Very double; white, flushed with violet. A beautiful spike and very fragrant.
- La Tour d'Auvergne**—Very early flowering, and the best of all double whites. Florets large and wax-like and spikes of immense size. Finest double Hyacinth for pots.
- Noble par Merite**—Fine, compact spikes of large, double flowers, as perfect as little roses. A soft shell pink, gradually deepening into a deep peach carmine.
- Othello**—Fine deep indigo-black. A very fine and rare color of exceeding richness and beauty.  
Price, 20c. each; the 5 for 75c. \$1.50 per doz.

#### 5 GRAND AND RARE SORTS.

- Milton**—Fine compact spike of great size and magnificent color, being a deep dark red of peculiar richness. This is one of the very choicest varieties.
- Lord Anson**—Fine large spikes, florets of perfect form; color, soft bluish lilac, delicate and pretty.
- La Grandeur**—The ideal double yellow variety.
- Prince Albert**—A most charming variety, of rich indigo-blue, and large double flowers. One of the very best.
- Prince of Orange**—Extra large and magnificent spike. Color, fine rosy crimson.  
Price, 25c. each; the 5 for \$1.00. \$2.00 per doz.

### THE ABOVE 15 UNSURPASSED SORTS FOR \$2.00. Mixed Named Hyacinths Under Color.

Single	White,.....	Mixed	Double	White,.....	Mixed.
"	Red,.....	"	"	Red,.....	"
"	Pink,.....	"	"	Pink,.....	"
"	Blue,.....	"	"	Blue,.....	"
"	Yellow,.....	"	"	Yellow,.....	"

10c. each; the 10 for 80c.; or either color at 85c. per doz.

### Extra Mixed Hyacinths for Pots.

The bulbs are extra large and fine, selected particularly for winter blooming, and will give great results for pot culture, \$1.00 per doz.



## Roman Hyacinths.

Not at all like the Dutch or Show Hyacinths, through they do not suffer by comparison. The slender stems, arching beneath their load of daintily poised bells, are the acme of grace and elegance, while so many spikes are thrown up from each bulb that the whole plant appears a mass of bloom. Roman Hyacinths are extra good for cutting, and so early that they bloom by Christmas, or before, remaining in perfection nearly a month if the room is not kept too warm. They are extremely early and bloom in the garden with the Crocus. Two bulbs can be planted in a 4-inch pot, or 3 bulbs in a 5-inch pot. The bulbs we offer are extra large, and superb.

**Single White**—The most popular of all. Every window should have several pots of these. Exquisite bells, white as the driven snow and pleasantly fragrant. Never fails to bloom. Extra large.

**Single Blue**—Dark blue bells. About ten days later than the white with which it forms a fine contrast. A great bloomer. Extra large.

**Double Light Pink**—The double Roman Hyacinths are larger than the single sorts. This sort has elegant waxy bells of pale shell-pink.

**Double Dark Pink**—Like the above, but a beautiful clear, bright rose.

*Price, Extra Large Bulbs, 6c. each; the 4 for 20c. Either sort at 55c. per dozen.*

**Mixed Romans**—50c. per dozen.



## Pompon Hyacinths.

A class of Hyacinths with comparatively small bulbs and, as they are usually compact growers, can be more cheaply grown than the larger bulbous class. While the spikes scarcely average as heavy as other Hyacinths, the difference is small, and many specimens are fully equal to the best of the latter. They are splendid for either garden or pots, while for cutting they are best of all. Every hue, shade and color is found among them; the flowers are large and wax-like, and the spikes airy and graceful. We offer them so low that they ought to be purchased for every plant window.

**Mixed Pompon Hyacinths**—All colors, double and single. 50c. per dozen. \$2.50 per 100.

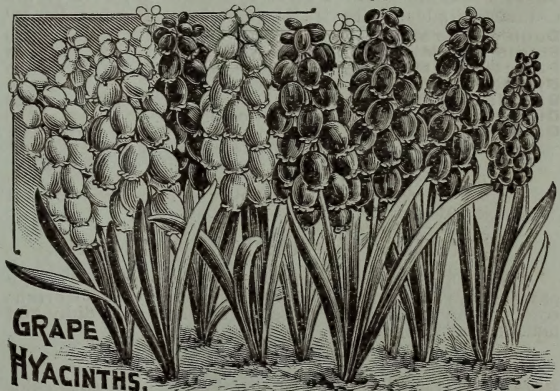
## Cockade Hyacinths.

A real curiosity. First, a frizzed, cockade-like spike, an inch or two in length, appears above the soil, and as it slowly rises on its long stalk, it becomes five or six times as long as at first, developing into a long, feathery blue plume, and lasting for weeks in that condition. One of those pretty, odd things that everybody likes. Perfectly hardy in the garden, and fine for pots. In fact, one of the best and oddest winter flowers. 5c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 40c.



## Hyacinthus Belgicus.

A distinct species, with graceful spikes of good-sized bell-shaped blossoms. It is equally adapted to garden or pots, producing a mass of bloom that is very striking and beautiful. Should be planted in masses to produce the best effect. Five or six bulbs may be planted in a five-inch pot, and will need no more care than other Hyacinths. There are three colors, white, pink and violet. Price of mixed bulbs. 3c; each: 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.



## GRAPE HYACINTHS.

## Grape Hyacinths.

One of the sweetest flowers imaginable, and in masses very striking, making a wave of intensest blue that catches every eye. As hardy as an oak, and as it increases rapidly should be planted in every garden. Its spikes are just the size for button-hole bouquets, while its long stems enable it to be used to advantage in all bouquets or cut-flower work. If you want a "pot of blue," that will make your window a thing of beauty for a month in midwinter, plant half a dozen bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and treat as other Hyacinths, and you will have your desire. They never fail to bloom, each bulb sending up two or more flower-stalks.

**Sky Blue**—Most fairy-like.

**Indigo Blue**—Tipped white.

**Snow White**—Milky white.

3c. each; 15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100; 3 each of 3 sorts, 15c.





## CHILDS' GORGEOUS TULIPS.

There is no question but that the Tulip is the most popular spring flower that grows. The soft, seductive breezes have scarce whispered in our ears that spring is at hand ere our eyes, wearied of winter's dull, sombre, lifeless tints, are dazzled by a sudden blaze of Tulips in rainbow shades, ribboning the earth with warmth and color. From the first Duc Van Thol, scarce peeping above the ground, to the last Gesneriana Tulip, holding its flaming cup high aloft, there is a constant succession of Tulip beauties—single, double, dwarf, tall, early, medium, and late, with blossoms cup-shaped, star-formed, bowl-like, Pæony-flowered, imbricated like a Rose, or twisted, waved, and horned, like the plumage of some fantastic bird. No garden can be complete without plenty of Tulips. Have some of all kinds, they are so cheap.

### Mixed Tulips.

Our mixed Tulips are of extra fine quality being made up from first-class named sorts and much superior to the ordinary grades. All extra large bulbs. Per doz. Per 100

<b>Double Fine Mixed</b> —All colors.....	25	\$1 50
<b>Single Fine Mixed</b> —All colors.....	20	\$1 25
<b>Parrot Fine Mixed</b> —All colors.....	20	\$1 25
<b>Byblooms Fine Mixed</b> —All colors.....	25	\$1 50
<b>Bizards Fine Mixed</b> —All colors.....	20	\$1 25
<b>Duc Van Thol, Fine Mixed</b> —All colors.....	25	\$1 50
<b>Darwin, Fine Mixed</b> —These produce solid self colors and bloom early in May. The flowers are of great size and are borne on tall graceful stems. The colors are exceedingly rich and varied, ranging through all the shades of rose, deep red, violet, purple-blues to coal black. 35c. per dozen; \$2.25 per 100.		

### Grand Double Tulips.

Double Tulips produce very large double flowers, many of which are as large and showy as a Pæony. The bright colors of the large double blossoms contrast splendidly and make a charming display.

#### 8 VERY FINE SORTS.

- Blue Flag**—Late. Flowers beautiful shape; a distinct color of purple-blue.
- Double Crown**—Large and double flower. Dark cardinal-red with black shading. One of the best.
- Duke of York**—Beautiful incurved flowers of poppy-red, broadly edged white.
- Gloria Solus**—Of enormous size and very double. Bright scarlet, edged yellow.
- La Candeur**—Large and double; wax-like pure white. Largely used for cemetery planting.
- Ma Cousine**—Of remarkable coloring. Carmine-violet, edged pink and flamed golden yellow and brick-red.
- Rose La Reine**—Fine rosy scarlet. A lovely color.
- Yellow Rose**—A magnificent sort, of very largest size and most perfect form. Deep brilliant yellow.

Price, 3c. each; the 8 for 20c. 3 each 50c.; or 25c. dozen.

#### 8 EXTRA FINE DOUBLE TULIPS.

- Alba Maxima**—Enormous flowers perfectly double like a Pæony, pure white in color, with delicate shadowy tinge of soft pink. Exceedingly fine.
- Count de Leicester**—Another very distinct and finely colored sort. Light orange feathered yellow.
- Mariage de Ma Fille**—Immense flower of the most perfect shape and superb coloring. Carmine-red, banded, striped, flaked and feathered with pure white.
- Murillo**—Large graceful flowers of flesh-white, bordered and clouded rose.
- Queen Victoria**—Blood-red. Very double.
- Rex Rubrorum**—Large double flowers of deepest scarlet. Very double and perfect.
- Rose Blanche**—Large incurved white; most perfect shape.
- Salvator Rose**—Gigantic size, elegant shape and of the loveliest soft rosy color, with pure white stripes.  
Price 5c. each; the 8 for 30c.; 3 each 75c.; or 35c. dozen.  
THE 16 SORTS FOR 40c.
- Splendid Mixed Double Tulips**—All colors and varieties 25c. per doz.; \$1.50 per 100; \$12.00 per 1,000. Extra large bulbs.

**THE MAYFLOWER** for August this year tells all about "HARDY BULBS for WINTER BLOOMING." Full directions for growing all Bulbs in pots for winter flowering—Only 5c. per copy.

**THE MAYFLOWER** for September is devoted entirely to "HARDY BULBS for the GARDEN," giving full cultural directions for Tulips, Hyacinths, Narcissus, Crocus, etc. Very complete in all details.—Only 5c. per copy.



# SINGLE TULIPS



## Single Tulips.

The Single Early Tulips are great for bedding and for winter blooming in pots. The following are the very best kinds.

### FIVE VERY FINE SORTS.

- Cardinal's Hat**—Rich blood scarlet; gold tinted border
- Duchess of Parma**—Extra large, early, and gloriously colored, Orange-yellow, shading to terra cotta, with fiery yellow and brown shadings. Bright and showy.
- L'Immaculee**—Beautiful snow-white with lemon eye.
- Purple Crown**—Cup-shaped flower maroon-cardinal.
- Von der Neer**—A splendid large flower of a rare and lovely bright violet-color. Very distinct.

Price of above, 3c. each; the 5 for 10c.; 3 of each 28c.; 25c. doz.

### SIX EXTRA FINE SORTS.

- Chrysolora**—Very large flower and widely opened. Color, a splendid golden-yellow.
- Color de Cardinal**—Large cup-shaped blossom of a rich cardinal-red. Intensely brilliant.
- Kaiser Kroon**—Outside of each petal bright scarlet, broadly bordered yellow; inside deep yellow zoned with wide center band of velvety scarlet glowing like fire. Extra large size.
- Mitiades**—Large elegant flower, splendidly cupped. Pure white, exquisitely shaded and clouded soft pink.
- Silver Standard**—Beautiful shaped flowers of a fresh carmine-scarlet, striped and feathered white. Very showy.
- Wormer**—Extra large and fine. Deep magenta-red.

Price, 4c. each; the 6 for 20c.; 3 of each 50c.; 30c. per doz.

### SIX RARE AND GRAND SORTS.

- Cottage Maid or La Precieuse**—Lovely pink and white, most charmingly suffused and feathered, of immense size, most unique in color and one of the loveliest Tulips that ever bloomed, either for pots or the garden.
- Globe de Rigaud**—Very large, round flowers of an odd lilac shade, freely striped and flaked pure white.
- Joost Van Vondal**—Beautiful glossy rose, deep rich red and pure snow-white, the colors mingled and blended together in a charming manner. One of the largest and very finest.
- Proserpine**—A grand flower and a superb color. Exquisite rosy scarlet, a shade not found in any other sort, and lovely beyond description. Great size, beautifully cupped.
- Verboom**—Flower of gigantic size, and richest glowing scarlet-red, Extra early and fine in every way.
- White Swan**—Large, pure white flowers; extra fine for winter blooming.

Price 5c. each; the 6 for 25c.; 3 of each 65c.; or 35c. per doz.

The above 17 sorts for only 40c.

### MIXED SINGLE TULIPS.

Extra Fine Mixed Single Tulips, 20c. per doz; \$1.25 per 100; \$10 per 1,000. All extra large bulbs,



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BRANCHING  
TULIP.

## Branching Tulip.

This Tulip has the remarkable quality of sending up two or three flower stems from each bulb, each stem branching and bearing two or three blossoms, so that five to eight flowers are produced from one bulb. As it is very rare for any Tulip to produce more than one flower, the value of this sort is at once apparent. The flowers are of good large size and a dark, deep cardinal red with a border of old gold around each petal which gives the flower a distinct and very attractive appearance. It is an early bloomer and forces finely when planted in pots for winter blooming, and is a most showy sort for the garden. Certainly one of the finest fall bulbs we ever offered. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.





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## Parrot Tulips.

A flower more bizarre, fantastic, or grotesque, would be hard to find. A bed or clump of them always attracts much attention. They are six, seven and eight inches across, with petals toothed, horned, twisted and waved, now loosely incurved, now spread flatly out like a star. Some are yellow, some are crimson, or again dashed, flaked or feathered with green, gold or scarlet. Fine to plant among shrubbery, or for bedding. They grow ten inches in height, and bloom just after the double Tulips. Our Parrot Tulips are extra large bulbs, sure to bloom. Medium sized bulbs will not bloom well.

**Constantinople**—Fine deep crimson.  
**Gloriosa**—Yellow, splashed and streaked crimson and green.  
**Perfecta**—Gaily striped, yellow and red.

**Lutea Major**—Fine yellow.  
**Cramoise Brilliance**—Deep, dark, rich ruby-crimson, with large, star-shaped, black center, 9 inches across. Grand.

Price, 4c each; the 5 for 15c.; 30c. per dozen.  
**Fine Mixed Parrot Tulips**—All varieties. Doz. 20c.; 100 \$1.25.

## Tulipa Greigi.

Its large green leaves are variegated with black spots, flower of the largest size, transparent scarlet, as clear and beautiful as a sheet of wax. No other Tulip has a color like it, and none are so strikingly beautiful. Its magnificent color shows up almost like a torch in a dark night, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

## Sweet Scented Tulips.

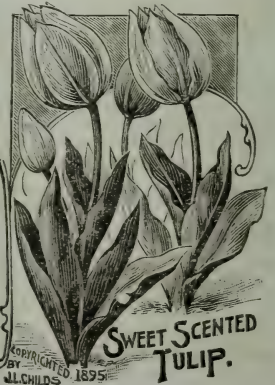
A new class of Tulips with a charming fragrance, as well as beauty and brilliancy. Customers will be delighted with them either for pots or garden.

**Florentina**—Large, golden-yellow; very sweet. Buds, when closed, look like an enormous Tea Rose.

**Macropsila**—Brilliant red, with dark, zone-like center, bordered yellow. Size of Tulip Gesneriana.

**Persica**—A rare and curious variety. A bulb will send up one stem, on which is borne two or three blossoms. These blossoms are golden yellow in color, and open out flat, being when so opened, perfectly star-shaped. Very pretty and interesting.

6c. each; the 3 for 15c.; 50c. doz.



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## Picotee Tulips.

These are quite new, and to our minds, the most exquisite of all. They bloom after the Single Early varieties, or about the same time as the Byblooms. Flowers very large and borne on tall graceful stems, like Gesnerianas. Each petal has a distinct border of bright crimson, which is most beautiful, and gives them the name of "Picotee." They are extra fine for winter blooming and for the garden, but they will show the most color in the garden.

**Picotee White**—Exquisite wavy petals of large size; pure white with a fine border of crimson, which makes the flower exceptionally beautiful.

**Picotee Yellow**—Golden yellow with crimson edge,

PRICE—5c. each; 6 (3 of each), for 25c.; 40c. per doz.



## Tulipa Gesneriana.

The grandest Tulip in existence. Tall growing and late blooming, with large, long leaves, and tall, erect flower stalks, which support great waxen blooms larger than tea cups, of the most vivid, glossy, coral red, each flower showing a deep blue-black blotch at the base, that further enhances its beauty. They remain in bloom a long time, and clumps of this grand flower are particularly fine planted among evergreens or shrubbery, lighting up their sombre background as with a flaming torch.

**Scarlet, Blue Center**—The true Gesneriana, as described above.

**Golden Yellow**—Exactly like the above, except a golden yellow color. A superb novelty.

**PRICE**—5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.



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## BIZARD & BYBLOOM TULIPS.

### Bizard and Bybloom Tulips.

It seems strange these are not more commonly grown, for their large, cup-like blossoms, feathered and flaked as only a Tulip can be, are always admired more than any other. Byblooms have white, light or violet grounds, flaked and feathered, rose, lilac, pink, purple, violet, scarlet, black and crimson. Bizards have yellow grounds, flamed and blazed maroon, black, scarlet, bronze and brown. We offer a fine mixture of every imaginable color and marking. We know our customers, if they could but see a bed of these in their gorgeous splendor, could not resist planting them.

**Byblooms**—White ground, variegated with various colors. Fifty finest sorts, mixed, 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

**Bizards**—Yellow ground, variegated. Fifty fine sorts, mixed, 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.; 100 for \$1.25.



"DUC VAN THOL TULIPS."

## Duc Van Thol Tulips.

These are the best of all for house culture and the first of all to bloom out of doors. They are noted for the depth and purity of their colors and as they bloom two weeks in advance of all other Tulips, are quite indispensable in the garden, as well as the house for winter.

**Crimson**—Fine for contrast.  
**Cold Striped**—Scarlet, striped gold.

**Rose**—White, shaded with clear rose, delicate and beautiful.

**Scarlet**—Brilliant, dazzling scarlet.

**Violet**—Lovely violet-crimson, white border. Very distinct and handsome.

**White**—A fine pure color.

**Orange**—A fine bedder.

**Vermillion**—Fine bright color.

**Variegated Foliage**—Foliage finely variegated with white, and fine violet-colored blossoms.

**Double**—These are popular for house culture, as they are so certain to bloom, and so early and fine. No other double Tulips are as well adapted to pot culture. They are very brilliant, and being double remain perfect a long time. Color, red and yellow.

**PRICE**—5c. each; the 10 for 25c.; 30c. per dozen.

**Mixed Duc Van Thol Tulips**—All colors, 25c. per doz.; \$1.50 per 100.

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## The Narcissus.

The Narcissus is fast becoming a rival to the Hyacinth and Tulip. The massive spikes of the one and the vivid colors of the other are missing, but the Narcissus,—the Daffodil of the poets—has charms of its own to counter-balance these. For cutting or wearing it is the best of the three, being by far the best vase flower in the spring. Most of the garden sorts are particularly showy in masses, and do not require frequent resetting to keep in vigor and flower, needing no care, in fact, beyond the planting. Others of this family are among our best pot bulbs, their clustered stars and stately trumpets of white and cream, lemon, orange and yellow, giving variety, fragrance and warmth of color to our window gardens. In pots they may be had in bloom from Christmas until April. Out of doors from the earliest to the latest they last fully two months. Our collection is a particularly choice one and true to name. We offer our bulbs at a low price to encourage extensive planting. Try a few bulbs, both for the house and garden. They will prove so beautiful and increase so rapidly you will feel doubly repaid for your outlay. They can be grouped along the border of shrubbery, or at the foot of rockeries, or under trees. Everyone should have early, medium and late sorts, as well as some of each of different types.

### 10 FINE SINGLE NARCISSUS, CHEAP.

- Leeds**—A lovely airy sort, pure white perianth, straw cup.
- Trumpet Major**—Golden yellow. One of the best for massing. Fine also for winter blooming. Early.
- Stella**—A favorite vase or corsage flower. One of the best for house culture. Extra large, star-like flowers, creamy white, with clear yellow cup. Early.
- Princeps**—Elegant large trumpet of a delicate canary yellow, and large, sulphur-white perianth. One of the most

elegant and beautiful of all Narcissus. A very early bloomer, and extra fine either for garden or for winter blooming in pots. Plant it largely **Nana**—The lovely dwarf golden Daffodil.

**Incomparabilis Simplex**—The fine old golden Daffodil.

**Van Sion, Single**—Lovely yellow; very early bloomer.

**Poeticus Pure White**—With scarlet-edged crown. Very fragrant. Late.

**Poeticus Ornatus**—Fine for either garden or pots. Blooms three week earlier than the old Poeticus, and is even larger and finer.

**Poeticus Poetarum**—Pure white with scarlet cup.

**PRICE**—5c. each; any 3 for 10c.; the 10 for 30c. Any one variety at 30c. per doz. \$1.75 per 100; \$15.00 per 1,000.

### 7 GRAND AND RARE SINGLE NARCISSUS.

The following are extra fine, including the very choicest English sorts that are so exceedingly beautiful.

**Golden Spur**—Flower 4½ to 5 inches across and nearly as long. Petals of the perianth broad and smooth, long and widely flared trumpet, with deeply frilled and furrowed border.

**Sir Watkins**—Is of the chalice-flower type, or half-trumpet form. A gigantic flower, 4 or 5 inches across, with broad wing-like petals that shade from canary yellow at the tips to golden yellow base. Cup, golden yellow.

**Horsfield**—Enormous yellow trumpet, white perianth.

**Praecox**—Large, trumpet-shaped flower of a pure white color throughout. The blossoms are of exquisite shape and pendulous or nodding, unlike any other sort.

**Emperor**—Broad, rich yellow trumpet, perianth deep primrose. Its foliage is very strong and the blooms enormous.

**Empress**—Possesses the same gigantic size and fine form of Emperor, but with golden perianth and white trumpet.

**Cyclamen Flowered**—An elegant variety, bearing several white, Cyclamen-like flowers on a stem. Novel and perfectly elegant, especially for pots.

**PRICE**, 3c. each; any 3 for 20c.; the 7 for 40c.; or 60c. per dozen.

### MIXED NARCISSUS.

All sorts of Double and Single, many varieties, and will make a magnificent bed, blooming year after year. Per dozen. 30c.; per 100. \$1.50.

## Fine Double Narcissus.

**Incomparable fl. pl.**—Beautiful Gardenia-like flowers, and very double. The large outer petals are sulphur yellow, the small center petals of sulphur and orange. Very early.

**Albo Pleno Odorato**—A pure white flower; very double.

**Sulphur Phoenix**—Enormous, pure white. Extra fine.

**Orange Phoenix**—Nearly pure white outer petals. Center well filled with mixed white and deep orange colors.

**Van Sion, fl. pl.**—Old, but unexcelled. Extra fine for cutting. 5c. each; the 5 for 20c.; any variety at 40c. per dozen.



## Three Grand Narcissus.

For winter blooming few bulbs are so popular and so largely grown as the Paper White Grandiflora and Double Roman Narcissus. Realizing their importance, we have by special contract, secured from France a quantity of bulbs of each, which are of EXTRA SIZE AND STRENGTH, especially for pot culture, and the amount and beauty of blooms from these fine bulbs will be far greater than from ordinary ones.

**Paper White Grandiflora**—An improvement on the common Paper White, the flowers being about twice the size, of beautiful star-like form, pearly whiteness and delicious fragrance. It is a very early and profuse bloomer, and can be had in full beauty at Christmas and New Year's.

**Double Roman, White**—This is one of the most beautiful and fragrant of all the Narcissus family. It is grown so extensively in Palestine and Turkey, that it is known as the Sacred Narcissus of Constantinople. In Jerusalem it is the leading favorite of all flowers. Flowers very double, pure white with yellow center and borne in large clusters. Its fragrance is superb, and blooms very early and freely either in pots or the open ground.

**Double Roman, Yellow**—Like the above, but yellow.  
Extra large select bulbs 10c. each; the 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

## Polyanthus Narcissus.

These are considered the best of all Narcissus for pot culture, and by many esteemed the most beautiful. By starting the dry bulbs at intervals from September until January, a succession of flowers can be secured from Christmas until the first of May. No trouble to grow. Treat as you would Hyacinths. The flowers of this class are borne in large clusters and are exceedingly fragrant, like orange blossoms.

**Grand Soleil d'Or**—A medium early bloomer that lasts a full month. Large clusters, clear lemon with deep orange cup.

**Juane Supreme**—Extra fine dark yellow.

**Queen Victoria**—Very early, extra large and fine, pure white.

**Newton**—Fine yellow with deep orange cup. Free bloomer.

PRICE—7c. each; the 4 for 25c.; 65c. per dozen.

### MIXED POLYANTHUS NARCISSUS.

We have a mixture of these splendid pot flowers, and at the very low price of 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 25 for \$1.00.

## Jonquils.

These dainty flowers are a gleam of gold when in bloom and large clumps or masses of them are always admired. They are extra fine for pots, from their beautiful color, profusion and delightful fragrance and they flower very early in the window. In the garden they are perfectly hardy, and their lovely blossoms appear almost as soon as Crocus.

**Single**—Very dainty pure gold and exquisite fragrance.

**Double**—Perfect little golden roses of the most exquisite beauty and fragrance. Nothing finer for bouquets.

**Cliant Odorous**—We think this one of the finest yellow-flowered bulbs on our list. Flowers twice the size of other Jonquils, but retaining the same beautiful color and handsome shape, together with profusion of bloom. Its fragrance is lovely beyond description.

4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 50c.



## Sacred Lilies.

The Sacred Lilies are much like the Polyanthus, Paper White and Double Roman Narcissus, and with them are the most popular of all winter-blooming bulbs.

**Chinese Sacred Lily**—The greatest and most popular winter-blooming bulb. They are very large, and each one sends up from five to twelve spikes, which bear clusters of large, perfect, waxy-white blossoms with a yellow center, and of a powerful and delicious fragrance, which is not excelled by any flower. They grow well in pots of soil; but the most popular way of blooming them is the Chinese method, as follows: Fill a bowl or some similar vessel with pebbles, in which place the bulb, setting it about one-half its depth, so that it will be held firmly; then fill with water to the top of the pebbles, and place in a warm sunny window. The bulb will at once commence a rapid growth and bloom in three weeks. 12c. each; 3 for 30c.

**Improved Chinese Sacred Lily**—This is a much larger bulb than the above; will produce twice as many flowers and of a larger size and finer quality. The bulbs will not be ready so early as the common kind for it requires more time to grow, mature and cure them. That is one reason why they are so much better. We advise our friends to plant this variety, for we know it will be so much better than the common and cheaper one. Bulbs may not be ready till end of October. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Japanese Double Sacred Lily**—Fine, large clusters of double blossoms. Pure white with orange center. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

**Golden Sacred Lily**—As compared with the Chinese Sacred Lily this produces a much larger flower, though the bulb is smaller. Its fragrance is even better and its color a deep, glowing yellow. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.  
The 3 sorts for 25c.







## Select Crocus.

The Crocus is the recognized harbinger of spring. Between the lulls of late winter's tempest its brave little flowers first appear, minding not the least frosts or flurries of snow. For six weeks its bright flowers smile saucily at us, quite sure of their welcome. Their cost is so trifling that all can afford to plant them freely. The Crocus has been much improved late years in size of blooms and variety of colorings. Crocus are extra fine for borders, etc., and are particularly charming dotted by twos and threes over the lawn. They come in earliest spring and peep through the grass, as the wild flowers do in the meadow.

**Fine Mixed Crocus**—Of all colors. Fine, select bulbs, 10c. per dozen; 60c. per 100; \$4.00 per 1,000.

## Giant Flowered Crocus.

A few special extra large-flowering sorts of which we offer extra fine bulbs either for winter blooming or for garden planting.

**Giant White**—Enormous pure white lily-like blossoms.

**Giant Yellow**—Gigantic bulbs which produce large golden blossoms in great masses.

**Giant Striped** (Lord Fielding)—Great blossoms beautifully striped violet on white ground.

**Giant Blue**—(Sir J. Franklin)—Largest and finest blue.

**PRICE**—15c. per dozen; 3 of each for 20c.

**Giant-Flowered Mixed**—This strain is a special mixture of the best new sorts and improved seedlings, prepared for us in Holland by those who make a specialty of these bulbs. Only those sorts with the largest flowers and best colors are admitted in the mixture. Either for garden or house this Crocus mixture cannot be surpassed. Crocus for the house do not thrive under dry heat or gas, but do well in any sunny window of moderate temperature; they can even be grown in rooms almost destitute of fire heat. Try them, both in the garden and in pots. 15c. per dozen; \$1.00 per 100.

## Queen Wilhelmina Crocus.

An improved Crocus, producing a bulb of enormous size and a correspondingly large flower and more of them. We have it in four colors: white, blue, striped and yellow, and they will be a revelation of beauty to all who plant them. Best of all Crocus for winter blooming in pots, but for the open ground, flowering in early spring, they are simply grand, the flowers being as large as good Tulips.

**Great White**—Pure snow white.

**Great Blue**—Rich purplish blue.

**Great Striped**—White and blue.

**Forty Flowered**—Each bulb produces from twenty to fifty beautiful blossoms of a deep, rich glowing yellow and it blooms much earlier than other sorts.

**PRICE**—7c. each; the 4 for 15c. 35c. per dozen.

**Mixed Colors**, above 4 sorts, 30c. per dozen.





**DOUBLE ANEMONE**  
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**Anemones.**

Very beautiful and brilliant spring flowering bulbs, which should be found in all gardens. They possess a beautiful range of a very fine colors, such as brilliant scarlet, red, blue, rose, striped, carnation, etc. For pot culture they are very fine indeed. The time has now come for Anemones to be grown extensively, both for winter blooming and for the garden. For either purpose they are magnificent.

**Double Mixed**—All colors. 3 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.  
**Single Mixed**—All colors. 3 for 5c.; 15c. per dozen.



**GIANT RANUNCULUS.**  
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**Giant Ranunculus.**

We know no other low-priced bulb that is so shamefully neglected. Their long, wiry stems fit them admirably for cutting, and for late spring bedding they have few equals, blooming, as they do, so freely, and bridging over the gap between the Tulips and the early garden flowers. For this purpose plant them three or four inches apart and two inches deep, with the claws downward. They bear the most lovely flowers imaginable—pink, white, black, yellow, red, blush, and variegated, each about two inches in diameter, and as double and as perfectly imbricated as a Dahlia or Rose. After the foliage turns yellow the bulbs should be lifted and not replanted until late in the fall or they will spring up before winter. Always choose a sheltered location. For house culture plant five or six bulbs in a 5-inch pot, and treat as Hyacinths. They are charming winter bloomers.

- Mont Blanc**—Large and double; pure white.
- Fire Ball**—Fine double, scarlet.
- Apollo**—Magnificent yellow.
- Black Turban**—Large, double, black.
- Belladonna**—Rose, black edge.
- Rockolico**—Fine spotted, new and fine.
- Robinson**—Fine pure rose; extra.
- Giant French Mixed**—New strain of large flowering habit and most magnificent colors. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

4c. each;  
3 for 10c.  
The 7 for 20c.  
or 30c. per doz.



**GIANT SNOWDROPS.**  
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**Snowdrops.**

The earliest flower that blooms, and of such hardiness that it minds neither sleet nor snow. Its nodding white flowers are exceedingly graceful and pretty. It is especially fine when planted in clumps and masses to contrast with the deeply blue masses of the Scilla. Much used also for lawns.

**Elwesi, The Giant Snowdrop**—The grace and beauty of the large blossoms is enchanting, but what can we say of its fragrance, it is rich and so delicate, unlike any other flower, and really second to none. This fine new Snowdrop was introduced recently from the mountains of Smyrna. It is three times as large and fine as the common variety, and a great acquisition, either for the garden or for pots. Price, 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.; 100 for 85c.

**Double Giant**—Fine double flowers. 4c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.



**SCILLA SIBERICA.**  
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**Scilla Siberica.**

Hardy and fine. Blooms at the very edge of winter, and laughs at storms and sleets. Beautiful spike of deepest blue flowers, freely produced and for a long time. Everyone who possesses a foot of ground ought to grow this. It should always be planted in groups, either in house or open ground. Nothing finer for pots. 2 for 5c.; 20c. per doz.





**Ornithogalum Arabicum.**

It is a native of Arabia. Bulb large and solid, closely resembling that of Hyacinth, and requiring exactly the same culture; leaves long and narrow, flower spike 18 to 24 inches high, long and graceful, bearing an immense cluster of large, pearly-white flowers, having a jet-black center. The illustration gives a good idea of its great beauty. The individual flowers keep perfect many weeks before fading, so that for more than a month this grand spike of bloom is in full glory. Its durability is almost without equal among flowers. Add to this its delicate aromatic fragrance and we have a winter bloomer which all must admit stands without a rival. Its culture is the easiest, as it will grow in any position in any window. A bulb can be planted in a four-inch pot, or several in a large pot or box. Extra large bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.



**Allium Neapolitanum Giant.**

Hardy and a fine garden flower for early spring, and one of the very finest winter flowers for pots. Plant a good lot of them, they are so good. Giant is a new improved type offered last year for the first time. As may be seen by the cut it is large and fine, and a great bloomer, much superior to the old Neapolitanum. Each bulb will produce a wonderful amount of large snow-white flowers in beautiful compact clusters. One of the very finest of all winter flowers. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 7 for 20c.; 12 for 30c.

**Star of Bethlehem.**

A superb bulb for winter blooming in pots, or for the garden. Perfectly hardy, and blooms early in spring. Flowers star-shaped, pure white and borne in clusters. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

**Erythronium Hartwegii.**

This new variety is the finest yet introduced and should be extensively planted for winter blooming as well as for the garden. Perfectly hardy. Flowers very large, light yellow borne on long, slender stems, each bulb sending up 5 or 6 blooms as shown in cut. Foliage as well as blossoms is exceedingly handsome and several bulbs will make a most unique and graceful pot of bloom. Fine large bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 12c.; 12 for 50c.



**Iris Hispanica.**

Magnificent plants both for pots and the garden. They bloom early and profusely, and are exceedingly showy. The colors are brilliant and cover a large range of different shades and combinations. Four or five bulbs planted in a 5-inch pot make a beautiful display for a long time in winter, and are absolutely sure to bloom well in any situation, treated like Hyacinths. In the open ground they are perfectly hardy, increase rapidly and make a magnificent display. It is really one of the most satisfactory of all Holland bulbs, and as they are very cheap we advise planting them largely.

- All Colors Mixed—2 for 6c.; 12 for 15c.; 100 for \$1.00.
- Pure White—Large and fine.
- Pure Yellow—Rich deep golden.
- Blue—A fine rich shade.
- Thunderbolt—Bronzy black; extra large.

4c. each; the \$ 10  
12c.; 35c. per doz





**Fritillaria Meleagris.**  
The newer varieties of this charming bulbous plant produce flowers of great and peculiar beauty and they are really among the most desirable of all fall bulbs for any purpose. They are superb for flowering in pots during winter, and for early spring blooming in the garden. The large, curiously colored flowers always attract great attention. They are of various colors and shades, but all are regularly but distinctly checkered. 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen.



**Tritelleia Uniflora.**  
This is the "Starflower," now becoming so popular for both winter and spring blooming. The flowers are white, tipped and faintly striped lilac-blue, and are remarkably sweet-scented. A fine window plant if several bulbs are planted to a pot, as they bloom steadily for two months, and need no fussing with to succeed. One of the most charming fairy-like white flowers for winter or for the garden. Price, 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen.



**Camassia Esculenta.**  
A beautiful bulbous plant with tall spikes of fine blue flowers in late spring. Several can be planted in a pot together for winter blooming, and will make a fine display. In the garden they increase rapidly and soon show great masses of their star-like flowers. Fine to cut for vases or large bouquets. A remarkably fine winter-bloomer often called Celestial Lily. Try a good lot of them, both for pots and the garden. 3c. each; 4 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.



**Calochortus or Mariposa Tulips.**  
The flowers are very large, borne on long stems and are of the most charming butterfly color, white, yellow, buff crimson, purple, spotted and shaded in a charming manner. For winter bloom they require only to be potted (4 or 5 in a five-inch pot,) and treated like Hyacinth or Crocus. When in bloom they will be a marvel of beauty and last a long time.  
**Splendid Mixed**—All colors. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 25c.



**Ixias.**  
The Ixias produce their beautiful flowers in spikes, and are of the most dazzling and brilliant colors and sure to attract great attention. For pot culture in the house they give great satisfaction, being of easy culture and free bloomers. Half a dozen bulbs may be planted in a five-inch pot, and the display will be magnificent. For open ground culture give them winter protection with leaves or straw. Mixed, all colors, 2 for 5c.; 20c. per dozen.



**Sparaxis.**  
The blossoms are very large and open flat, presenting some of the most curious and beautiful combinations of colors to be found. Their exceeding beauty at once captivates all beholders, and it is difficult to find a pot of flowers which will be more generally admired or bloom better than a pot of these fascinating Sparaxis. They require the same treatment as Ixias or Freesias. 2 for 5c.; 12 for 20c.

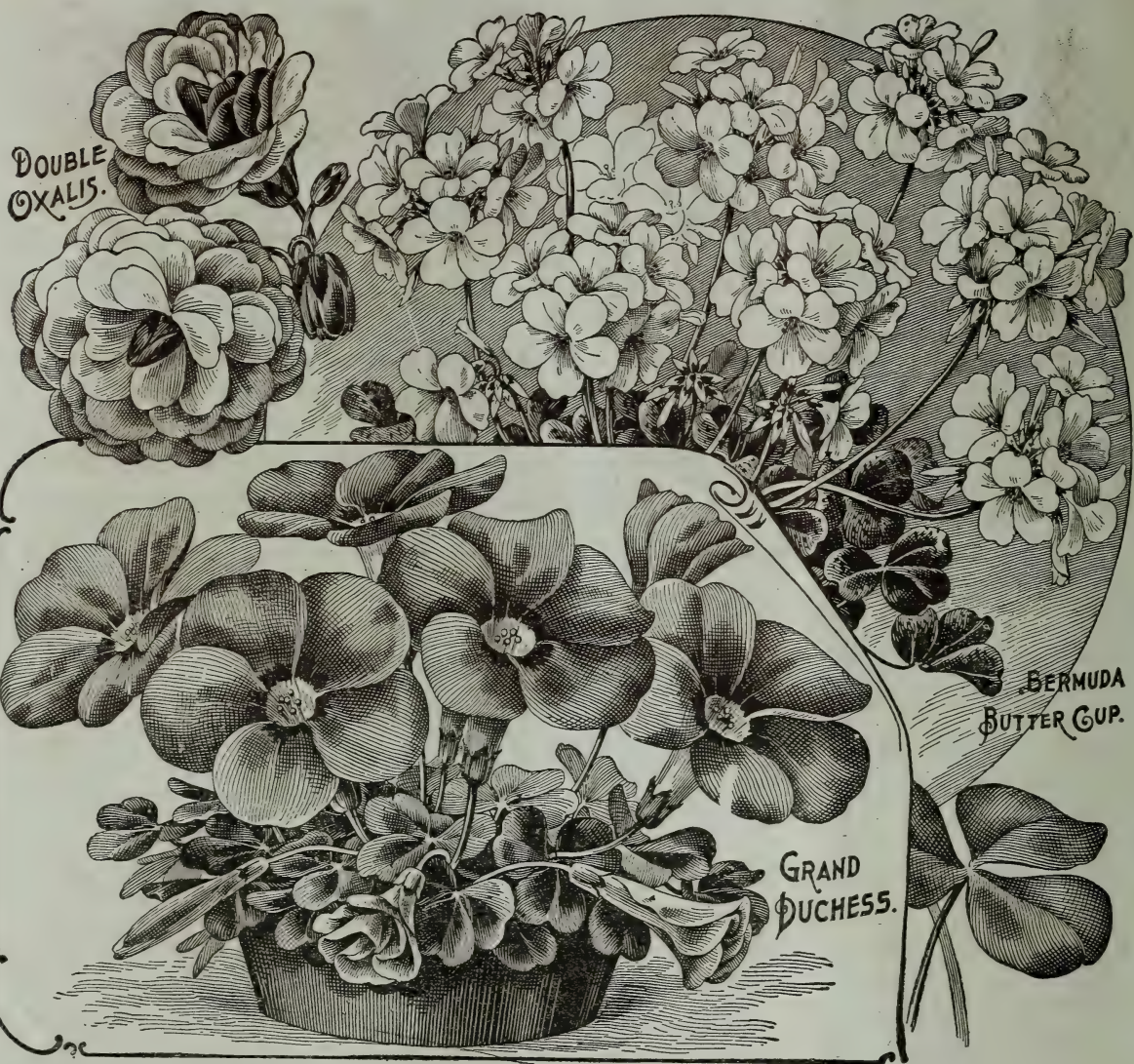


**Snowflake.**  
The airily poised blossoms of the Snowflake are exceedingly graceful. The snowy bells are touched at each petal tip with freshest green, a contrast most beautiful. Can be grown in a cool window, in the border, or at the foot of the rockery. Grow about nine inches high. For pots they are good, but do not bloom early. Give them time to develop slowly and they will be superb. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.



**Chionodoxa.**  
(GLOEY OF THE SNOW.)  
The purest, clearest tones of blue are to be found in these flowers, that appear so early that they are often overtaken by winter's last forays. Blue is always a scarce color among house plants, and as the Chionodoxa succeed well in the house, a pot or two of them should be grown in every window. Their greatest value, however, is for garden planting. Here they form great clumps that in early spring are a cloud of dainty blue sprays. Mixed colors, 2 for 5c.; 20c. per doz.





### Oxalis.

These varieties of Oxalis are all for winter blooming. They make the most beautiful hanging pots and baskets, producing a mass of flowers all winter, which, in brilliant and beautiful colors are truly charming. Winter-blooming Oxalis are always sure to please. Plant five and six bulbs in a 6-inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be set away to form roots like most other bulbs. They bloom during the entire winter, a thing we can expect of very few plants or bulbs, and are for that reason doubly worthy of a place in every collection of winter-blooming bulbs. Our bulbs are particularly fine, and the Grand Duchess, Bermuda Buttercup, and Versicolor will be found to be exceedingly showy and free blooming.

**Bermuda Buttercup**—A fine, robust-growing, large-flowering sort from Bermuda. Blooms in enormous panicles, each flower being as large as a silver half-dollar and of a clear bright yellow color. Bulbs commence blooming soon after planting and continue all winter without a break. Easily grown in any window and a most satisfactory winter bloomer.

**Bowl**—Extra large brilliant red blossoms and luxuriant foliage. One of the very best.

**Lutea Major**—Bright golden yellow in large clusters. One of the most magnificent.

**Versicolor**—The prettiest of all. Beautiful foliage and compact growth with an abundance of large pearly-white blossoms, each petal having a wide border of brilliant scarlet, a combination which is truly charming.

**PRICE**—of all the above 5c. each; 3 of any one kind for 10c.; 12 for 30c. One bulb each of the 5 fine sorts, 20c.

**Mixed Oxalis, 25 Sorts**—A fine mixture of a great variety of fine winter-blooming sorts. 15c. per doz.; \$1.00 per 100.

### The Grand Duchess Oxalis.

This is entirely new. There is no doubt about its being the grandest Oxalis, and one of the most beautiful and taking winter flowers it is possible to have. Blossoms immense, 3 inches across, borne well above the foliage and of the most lovely pink color; leaves, large clover-shaped and handsome. A most persistent bloomer, remaining constantly in flower from November to June, Surely one of the most exquisite and satisfactory of all winter-blooming bulbs. We have three colors to offer, bright pink, lavender, and pure white.

**Grand Duchess Pink**—Enormous size, bright rosy pink. Finest recent novelty, and has been widely advertised. It is one of the best and most beautiful flowers for winter.

**Grand Duchess White**—New; pure snow white. A grand contrast to the above.

**Lavender**—A fine large flower of a unique lavender color. Plant has a branching habit, not so compact as the white or pink.

**PRICE**—5c. each; the 3 for 15c.; or 50c. per dozen. 3 each of the 3 sorts for 40c.

**Mixed Grand Duchess, 35c. per dozen.**

### Double Yellow Oxalis.

(DOUBLE BUTTERCUP.)

This is exactly like the lovely Buttercup Oxalis except that the flowers are as double and perfect as a Rose. One of the finest flowers for winter blooming, a perfect gem in every respect. It continues in flower all winter. Fine true bulbs, 5c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.





**EASTER  
GLADIOLUS.**

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**The Easter Gladiolus.**

Easter Gladiolus now as well as Easter Lilies. This variety is so early flowering, and so well adapted to pot culture that it is a most available and beautiful flower for Easter. Pot bulbs about January first and 3 may be planted in a 5-inch pot. They will soon be up and growing and about Easter will show magnificent spikes of bloom. Color pure white with lemon tinge, and a large bright crimson center. Wonderfully showy and easily grown. Large bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



**CALLA**

**Fine Callas.**

**Childs' Dwarf Everblooming**—This is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety but is strong and compact, with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground, and being potted in September will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers, and its dwarf compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Fragrans**—It seems to be identical with Childs' Dwarf Everblooming, possessing the additional charm of delicious fragrance. This new Calla was originated by Luther Burbank, of California, who speaks of it thus: "The plants are of medium size, compact in growth and bloom profusely. It has not only a most charming flower produced in a profusion never before surpassed, but also with a genuine, sweet, lasting fragrance all its own, but similar to the fragrance of Violets or Lilies." With us it has proved a great success and we have a large stock of it. The description of our Dwarf Everblooming is a correct description of **Fragrans** also, adding only its additional merit of sweet scent. Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Little Gem**—A perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high, and producing very large, snow-white blossoms. It is in truth a perfect little gem. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

**California Giants**—Large California-grown bulbs of the common Calla, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One each of the 4 Callas for only 60c.



**Lily of the Valley.**

We offer strong imported pips that have been grown especially for winter blooming. Plant half a dozen in a four-inch pot, keep rather cool until well started, then bring to the light and warmth, and keep freely supplied with water. You will be surprised at the rapidity of growth and the size of their lovely, fragrant bells, 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.; 30 for \$1.00.

**Double White and Pink Lily of Valley.**

We can supply this fall two charming new sorts of Lily of the Valley. Roots ready in November.

**Double White**—Large double bells of snowy whiteness. Very fine, new and valuable. 3 for 20c.; 12 for 60c.

**Single Pink**—Like the common white but of a fine pink color. 3 for 20c.; 12 for 60c. 6 of each for 60c.

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**LILY OF THE VALLEY.**



## Cardinal Freesia.

It is somewhat misleading to call this a Freesia, though in foliage and general habit it is just like one, but is far superior in blooming qualities. It is really a new variety of Tritonia. The original bulb (one only) was sent to us from Africa several years ago. We at once saw that it was the most brilliant winter-flowering bulb in cultivation, and have carefully grown it until now we have enough to offer. Treated like a Freesia it produces spikes of large, well open flowers of the most intense cardinal color. It is very easily grown and sure to bloom in pots during winter, and is hardy enough to bloom in the open ground south of Mass. It created a genuine sensation at the New York Horticultural Show where we exhibited it.

**Cardinal**—Large wide-open blossoms of a rich cardinal red; very brilliant. 6c. each, 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 30 for \$1.00.  
**Mixed Hybrids**—All colors. Crimson, orange, yellow, white, pink, starred, etc., 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 30 for \$1.00.



## Freesias.

A new class of Bulbs, splendidly adapted to winter-blooming in the window. They are always sure to succeed and bloom elegantly for anyone in any situation, and the great beauty and fragrance of the flowers are everywhere admired. The blossoms or buds when cut and placed in vases of water will keep perfect two weeks. In pots they commence blooming early and continue for a long time, the stems branching freely and producing several clusters of bloom in succession. Four to six bulbs can be planted in a 5-inch pot. They commence growth immediately after planting and need not be put away to form roots like Hyacinths, unless it is more convenient to do so. Planting successively from September to November will give a succession of bloom through the winter. Their free growth, abundant bloom, delicate beauty and charming fragrance is a delight to all. Bulbs we supply are extra large and strong.

**Snowstorm**—(New)—A splendid novelty. Flowers of large size, beautiful shape, and borne abundantly in magnificent large sprays. Pure snow white, and highly fragrant. Strong bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.

**Various Colored Grandiflora**—A grand new strain possessing many tints, colors and variegations. Not only are the white and yellow colors seen, but pink, orange, the violet, primrose, canary and some purple shades. The flowers are of gigantic size and borne in extra large clusters. The fragrance is rich and powerful. All colors mixed, 5c. each; 6 for 20c.; 12 for 35c.; 25 for 60c.

**Refracta Alba**—Pure white, very sweet and popular. Fine large bulbs. 2 for 5c.; 15c. per doz.; \$1.25 per 100.

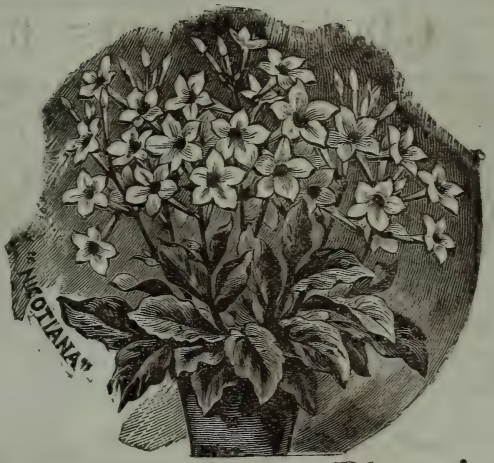
**Mammoth French**—Bulbs of enormous size. The magnitude of bloom which one of these bulbs will give is perfectly astonishing. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.



# Seed of Choice Greenhouse and Window Plants.

We offer at special prices the following list of choice Seed of Greenhouse and Window Plants. Per pkt.

<b>ASPARAGUS SPRENCERI</b> —Fine foliage.....	5
<b>ABUTILON, Choicest Hybrids, Mixed</b> —All colors.....	10
<b>BECONIA, Mixed Seed</b> —Many kinds. Grand for window culture.	10
Vernon—A grand new perpetual blooming sort.....	5
<b>COMMELINA SELLOWIANA</b> —Fine flowering trailer.....	5
<b>CHALCEOLARIA, Dwarf Hybrids</b> —Large flowering, mixed.....	10
<b>CHRYSANthemUM, Extra Choice</b> —All colors and varieties, mixed.....	10
<b>CYCLAMEN, Grandiflorum</b> —Choicest mixed colors.....	10
<b>CINERARIA, Dwarf Hybrids</b> —Large flowering, mixed.....	10
Double Extra Choice, Mixed.....	20
<b>CARNATION, Fancy Extra Choice, Mixed</b> —Variegated colors.....	10
Monthly, or Perpetual Tree—Mixed varieties.....	10
<b>Hardy Hybrids</b> —Hardy free bloomers. Extra fine for the garden or for pots. Many fine colors mixed.....	10
Margaret—Fine early bloomers.....	5
<b>COLEUS, Rainbow Leaved</b> —Extra choice mixed.....	10
FERN—Mixed; many sorts.....	10
<b>FREESIA</b> —Choice mixed.....	5
<b>FUCHSIA</b> —The mixed, all sorts.....	10
<b>GLOXINIA</b> —Choicest mixed Hybrids; magnificent.....	10
<b>CERANIUM, Zonale Extra Choice</b> —Mixed.....	10
<b>Apple Scented</b> —Very delightfully scented leaves.....	10
Double Mixed—Saved especially for us from the finest new sorts and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence.....	20
<b>Bronze and Silver Tri-Color</b> —Fine foliage sorts.....	20
<b>Pelargonium, or Lady Washington</b> —Fine mixed.....	20
Ivy—Fine double flowered; ivy leaved; grand.....	20
<b>HELIOTROPE, Lemoine's Hybrids</b> —Flowers soon from seed. Grandest of all Heliotropes.....	10
<b>LANTANA</b> —Fine mixed colors.....	10
<b>LEMON VERBENA</b> .....	10
<b>MUSA ENSETTE</b> —Grand Banana.....	10
<b>PALM, Mixed Sorts</b> —Many varieties.....	10
Filifera or Weeping—Very fine and easily grown.....	10
<b>PASSIFLORA</b> —Fine mixed.....	5
<b>PRIMULA, Chinensis, Mixed</b> —Very good.....	5
Fimbriata—Extra fine; large flowering mixed.....	10
Fimbriata Filicifolia—Mixed: (fern-leaved) beautiful out-leaved foliage.....	10
Fimbriata Globosa—Mixed colors. This is a new strain of Fimbriata, with many unusually large flowers of great substance and color; very clear and pleasing. Colors, pure white with large lemon eye; deep red; carmine, white and pink, striped, flaked with other colors etc.....	20
<b>Fimbriata, fl. pl., Double, Mixed Colors</b> —The double Primulas are among the choicest of all winter plants. All colors, mixed, an extra choice strain.....	20
<b>Obconica Hybrids</b> —Strong plants of this are ever-bloomers, flowering for ten or twelve months at a time, without a day's intermission.....	10
<b>Baby Primrose</b> —Splendid perpetual bloomer.....	10
<b>ROSE MULTIFLORA</b> —With seed of these new Roses plants may be had in bloom in 60 days from time of sowing. Plant at any time.....	15
<b>SALVIA, Golden Leaved</b> —Very brilliant.....	5
<b>SMILAX</b> .....	5
<b>VIOLET</b> —Mixed sorts.....	10



## Seed for Winter Blooming.

The following seed can be sown in pots of good soil at any time from November 1st to January 1st. They will germinate quickly, grow rapidly and be in bloom in a surprisingly short time, and the pleasure which they will afford it is impossible to anticipate.

- Alyssum, Little Gem**—Large flowers pure white, and very floriferous. Plants robust and spreading, forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage.
- Cherianthus, Fairy Queen**—Flowers are borne in spikes and are very gay and pretty, being bright crimson.
- Diamond Flower**—It is one of the loveliest little annuals known, rarely growing over two inches in height and forms a tuft of beautiful foliage which is completely smothered in a profusion of white and violet blossoms glistening like diamonds. It will be in bloom within a month from the time of sowing the seed at any time of year. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where other plants are growing, and within a month you will have a most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss.
- Marigold, Legion of Honor**—A dwarf gem, and one of the prettiest pot plants, blooming in a month after the seed starts. Attracts great attention.
- Schizanthus, Mixed Colors**—Plants grow freely and flowers appear in large drooping racemes, and resemble some species of Orchid so closely that they are often taken for that queen of flowers. The colors are beyond description and each flower looks like a beautiful butterfly.
- Morning Glories**—For winter blooming—Seed sown at any time during the winter will commence blooming in about thirty days and when the plants are only three to four inches high, and continue for months. The flowers remain open all day, from morning until night, making as pretty a pot of flowers as you can imagine.
- Nicotiana Decurrens**—Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It is one of the few plants that will flower well without a single ray of direct sunshine, and, for shaded north windows, is invaluable.
- Shoo-Fly Plant**—A most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable for winter, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped, light blue with a white center.
- Sweet Pea, Winter Blooming**—An extra early flowering sort, that succeeds finely in pots for window or conservatory during winter. A perfect success as a pot plant.
- Lobelia Coldeise**—A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden yellow and is most charmingly set off by hundreds of blossoms of deepest blue. Above 10 fine winter-bloomers at 5c. per pkt. the 10 for 50c.

## Childs' Imperial German Pansies.

Introduced by us several years ago, and now the leading favorite throughout the world. Many inferior stocks have been placed on the market under the name, but, as the introducers, we may be depended upon to furnish the true variety. Large flowers of the finest colorings; stout, robust, bushy growth, withstanding the heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty. Fifty distinct shades mixed..... 10

15 separate colors, 10c. per pkt. or the 15 for \$1.00.

## Childs' Giant Excelsior Pansies.

It is impossible to do justice to these lovely flowers in a printed description. Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage, on strong stems. Owing to their vigor, this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors have been counted in one bed of this strain. (3 pkts. 50c.)..... 20





# Choice Plants for Winter Blooming.

The following plants are extra fine for winter blooming, and are mostly new or recently introduced sorts that are not seen in general cultivation. We supply healthy, well-grown vigorous young stock that will be sure to do finely. All grown especially for winter blooming.

ROSE  
"WINTER GEM"



POT PLANT  
FOR  
WINTER BLOOMING

## Rose Winter Gem.

The Greatest Pot Bloomer of all Fine Roses.

This is the greatest Rose Novelty in years, owing both to its beauty and unparalleled blooming qualities. It is a Tea Rose of remarkably strong and vigorous growth and a prodigious bloomer all the year. It flowers all the time, particularly during winter, hence its name. The blossoms are borne on long graceful stems, are of large size and a lovely crimson-pink color. Buds perfectly exquisite and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, hardiest, most vigorous and rapid growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good Roses in the year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. This is saying a good deal, but it is true. The plant will bloom continually, and nothing but killing it outright will check it. The blossoms are singularly beautiful in shape, color and poise, and most deliciously scented. More fragrant than any other Tea Rose. It is so

strong and vigorous that it never mildews, and is a rapid grower, blooming at once from small cuttings. The greatest Rose for amateurs and one that will positively bloom prodigiously in any window at all times of year. Strong, well established plants, grown especially for winter blooming, and ready to bloom at once, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

## Fine Pot Roses.

The following are good winter bloomers. White, pink, yellow and scarlet. Strong pot grown plants.  
**Champion of the World**—Splendid pink; very free.  
**Etoile d'Lyón**—Superb golden yellow.  
**Marie Guillot**—Pure snow white.  
**Queen's Scarlet**—Intense scarlet.

15c. each; the 4 for 50c.

## Multiflora Roses from Seed.

Rosa Polyantha Multiflora.

With seed of these new Roses plants may be had in bloom in 60 to 90 days from time of sowing. Plant at any time. They grow quickly and flowers appear in large clusters, and in such quantity that a plant looks like bouquet. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, cream, etc.,—no two alike and mostly perfectly double and very sweet. Pkt. 15c.





PRIMROSE  
DAISY



CANNA  
LITTLE GEM.

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GESNERIA.

**Gesneria Tuberosa.**

A most lovely winter blooming plant, with highly ornamental leaves, and great panicles of drooping blossoms of an orange-scarlet color, spotted black. It is exceedingly brilliant and an odd and attractive plant, its large handsome plush-like leaves adding greatly to its beauty. Must be seen to be appreciated. Blooms all winter. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.

**Primrose Daisy.**

Of all Daisy-like flowers this is the most beautiful and profuse. It flowers during winter, a good plant showing from 20 to 100 magnificent blossoms all the time. These blossoms are of great size, with broad petals and perfect form. In the evening, or by lamplight the flowers appear to be pure white, but their real color, as seen by daylight is an exquisite, light primrose yellow, of exceeding beauty. As a cut flower for bouquets or for wearing it has no superior. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Canna Little Gem.**

This is the dwarfest Canna that has yet been introduced, bright orange-scarlet with a slight gold band about some of the petals. The plant grows only about eight to twelve inches high, but the panicles of bloom are as large and fine as those found on varieties growing much larger. It is, therefore, a perfect beauty as a pot plant, and for edging beds of taller-growing Cannas it is indispensable. We consider it the most valuable of all new Cannas that have been introduced in the last three years, and for winter blooming it is a perfect gem. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

**Fine Palms.**

- Kentia Fosteriana**—An elegant and decorative Palm.
- Latania Borbonica**—The Chinese Fan Palm, from which the palm-leaf fans of commerce are made.
- Seaforthia Elegans**—Famed the world over for the feathery elegance and graceful character of its dark pinnate leaves.
- Chamaerops Excelsa**—A lovely sort with large fan-shaped leaves. Very hardy and robust.
- Areca Lutescens**—Beautiful, graceful, hardy. Very good.
- Phoenix Reclinata**—Sturdy, hardy and robust grower, in time attaining a considerable size. Always graceful.
- Filifera or Weeping Palm**—See page 27.

Price, 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 7 for \$1.00.

(The Mayflower for May 1903 tells all about Palms and their culture. 5c. per copy.)





**Swainsonia or Swanflower.**

It will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation which can equal this in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage and blooms perpetually every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of bloom at all times. The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil or in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming plant.

- Pure White**—Large milky white; exquisite.
- Deep Red**—Fine dark red, with large white blotches.
- Pink**—New; bright pink, white center.

Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



**Streptocarpus, Grandiflora Hybrids**

We can honestly say that we do not know a pot plant more desirable for window culture than these new giant-flowered hybrids of Streptocarpus. They are very tough, hardy plants, likely to stand any amount of abuse and thrive under adverse surroundings. Plants from seed will begin blooming in a few months, and continue for YEARS, without once stopping. Leaves long and narrow, radiating from the crown of the plant, close to the soil. From the same spot spring the flower stems, shooting up to the height of 6 to 10 inches, each one bearing a large trumpet-shaped flower of exceptional beauty, some pure white, blue or purple, but mostly finely marked in a charming manner with harmonious colors. A plant will show several of these exquisite flowers all the time, those which fade being replaced by others, which are constantly appearing. The flowers during late fall, winter and spring are particularly fine, and it is the grandest window plant that has been introduced in a long time. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Otaheite Orange.**

An extra fine pot plant with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blossoms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two inch pot, and we have seen a plant in a common window that was but 15 inches high and had 23 oranges on it. With good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate leafy sprigs of blossoms, so indiscribably exquisite, dainty, lovely, and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Wonder Lemon.**

A lemon that can be as easily grown in a pot as a Geranium and which produces fruit weighing from one to three pounds each. These enormous fruits are borne on plants one to two feet high, growing in 5 to 6-inch pots. It is everbearing and its fruit is delicious for lemonade and culinary purposes. It makes a beautiful specimen plant for the house. Has large, deep green leaves and pure, waxy-like flowers that are fragrant as orange blossoms. The enormous lemons have a thin rind and are full of acid juice. The trees require no grafting or budding, and we guarantee every tree to produce the same large fruit. Will thrive in any good soil, either indoors or out. Strong well established plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Cyclamen Giganteum.**

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen especially for winter blooming. Though they are universal favorites, they are not seen in general cultivation to the extent that they should be considering their ease of culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades. Often the flower will be spotted and marked, or in other ways showing two distinct colors. All colors mixed, fine home-grown bulbs. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.





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EMERALD  
BEGONIA

## New Winter-Flowering Begonias.

- Emerald**—A seedling of our production, offered now for the first time. As a profuse and exquisite winter-bloomer it is unique. Of erect growth, with handsome emerald-green drooping foliage, and flowers in endless number hanging in graceful clusters, delicate pink in color with light emerald calyx and buds. Its lovely pink color with the delicate emerald tinge of foliage and buds gives the plant a peculiar charm, and it is certainly one of the very finest winter-flowering plants one can possess. Fine plants for blooming this winter, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.
- Golden Gleam**—Of dwarf, compact habit, with beautiful, clean, healthy foliage which is of a golden-yellow color, making it a most odd, interesting and beautiful pot plant. The flowers are produced very freely, and on some plants will be white, on others pink. It is a plant that will bloom every day in the year, and either for the garden or as a window plant it will give immense satisfaction. 15c. each.
- Sweet Scented White**—Not only are the flowers deliciously scented, but they are borne in the most fascinatingly beautiful sprays, clusters a foot to eighteen inches wide, loose, graceful and charming. Plants fine, vigorous growers, with luxuriant and beautiful leaves, and flowers are borne at all times of the year, particularly in fall and winter. Extra fine for the holidays. The two colors harmonize, and produce a most lovely effect. 20c. each.
- Sweet-Scented Pink**—Charming sea-shell pink, in all other respects exactly like the above. 20c. each.
- Double Vernon**—These new Double Vernons are in no respect different from the single, except the flowers are large and double. Truly they are attractive flowers, borne in large clusters, and with a freedom that is surprising. Every day the year round shows them in their radiant beauty. There is certainly no other plant producing fine double flowers in such quantity. It is adapted to any window or porch, or it may be bedded out in summer. In any position it is always a prize bloomer, and beautiful in foliage.
- Vernon Double Pink**—Fine shade.
- Vernon Double White**—Pure.
- Vernon Double Crimson**—Deep and rich. Foliage rich.
- Vernon Double Peach Blow**—Rose and white. New.

20c. each; the 4 for 60c.



LITTLE MONARCH  
FERN BALL.

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## Fresh Fern Balls.

These are large round basket-like bunches of Fern roots interwoven with moss. When suspended in a window and watered elegant green foliage starts out from every side, top and bottom, making a highly ornamental object and one that keeps fresh and green for many years. Grows well in sun or partial shade and is a novel and beautiful object. These Fern Balls are made in Japan, and we import them every year. Greatest success is had with strictly fresh stock.

**Little Monarch (Air Fern)**—A small Fern Ball, but very closely woven and contains a great quantity of eyes which produce a luxuriant growth of extra fine fronds, which stand out well and make the most beautiful effect. This is a complete novelty, and we assure our friends it will be a great treat. We can offer it at the very low price of 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00, by mail.

**Japanese Standard**—The standard or ordinary Fern Ball 50c. each, by mail.

**Giant**—These are very large Fern Balls, too large to mail and are sent only by express. 75c. each.

## Climbing Fern.

A highly beautiful and valuable Fern which produces a slender graceful vine that will grow up 4 or 5 feet in a window, showing a mass of lovely foliage. As an ornamental foliage vine it is one of the best. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



TRUE  
IRISH SHAMROCK

## True Irish Shamrock.

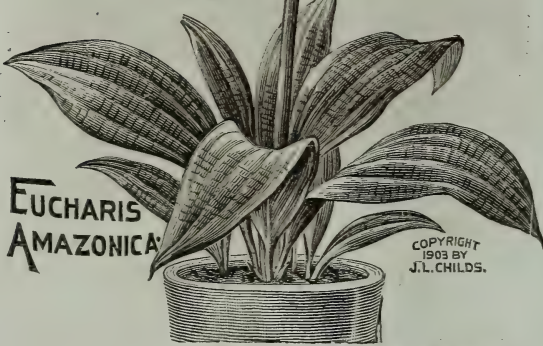
We are glad to be able to offer the true Shamrock, as so many spurious plants have been called Shamrock and sold as such. This stock is genuine, and thoroughly acclimated, having been grown here several years. A very beautiful pot plant with dark chocolate and green foliage. Each stem with 4 or 5 leaves, like 4-leaf clover. A lovely foliage plant that attracts great attention. 20c. each; 3 for 50c. We will take the plants back and return money if purchaser after seeing it is not satisfied it is the true Shamrock.





**EUCHARIS  
AMAZONICA**

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## Eucharis Amazonica.

If there is a purer, sweeter, or more exquisitely beautiful flower than this we have never had the good fortune to see it. It is a bulbous plant, throwing up tall spikes on which are borne several very large, star-shaped flowers of the purest whiteness and unexcelled fragrance. For chaste beauty it has no peer, and is a plant that is as rare as it is beautiful, and we are fortunate in being able this fall to offer large flowering bulbs at only 25c. each.

## Obconica or Monarch Primroses.

These are the new large-flowering Obconica-Sinensis Hybrids of various colors, as large and fine as Primula Sinensis. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. They bloom very quickly from seed, and the large showy blossoms are borne continuously for a year, and when we realize that these flowers are as large as P. Sinensis, and almost as varied in colors, their great value is at once apparent. Plants very vigorous and easily grown as a Geranium.

**Seed**—All colors mixed, 15c. per pkt.

**Plants**—Fine healthy stock, ready to bloom, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

## Baby Primrose.

Plant is exceedingly graceful and ornamental, with slender flower stalks rising above the light green leaves, and bearing many dainty-colored flowers. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant is always in bloom. The foliage grows in a tuft, compact mass, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown in window gardens and apartments. Beautiful for cutting. One of the most charming pot plants grown.

**Seed**—10c. per pkt.

**Plants**—Fine blooming plants, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

## Azaleas.

Splendid plants for winter blooming, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

10 finest sorts named for \$2.00.



**PRIMULA-  
OBCONICA  
'HYBRIDS'**

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FLOWERING COLEUS.

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### Flowering Coleus.

A new species of Coleus which is one of the most superb flowering plants in cultivation. It blooms only during winter, producing dense, heavy spikes of flowers one to two feet in height, and of the most beautiful and pleasing shade of blue ever seen. It is in bloom continually from November to June. No matter how small a plant is it is bound to flower, and is one of the easiest to cultivate, succeeding like a Geranium in any situation. Flower spikes often two feet in length, and showy beyond description. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

### Grimson Daisy. (*Gerbera.*)

This also flowers during winter, and makes a fine pot plant. The flower stems rise from the very crown of the plant at the surface of the soil to a height of two feet, and are exceedingly graceful, bearing a large, daisy-like blossom three or four inches across, and of a fine crimson color, with a velvety texture which makes it particularly beautiful. It blooms all winter, and, to some extent, during summer. One of the most graceful and beautiful flowers we have ever seen. Our stock is from one original plant sent us by a customer in India some years ago. 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00.



EUPHORBIA  
JACQUINIFLORA

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### Euphorbia Jacquiniflora.

As a winter bloomer this plant has no superior. No matter how small a plant may be, it is bound to be full of bloom all winter long. Color intense crimson-scarlet and blossoms are produced so profusely as to completely wreath every branch in brilliancy. Flowers keep perfect two months before fading. Fine plants for blooming this winter. 30c. each; 4 for \$1.00.



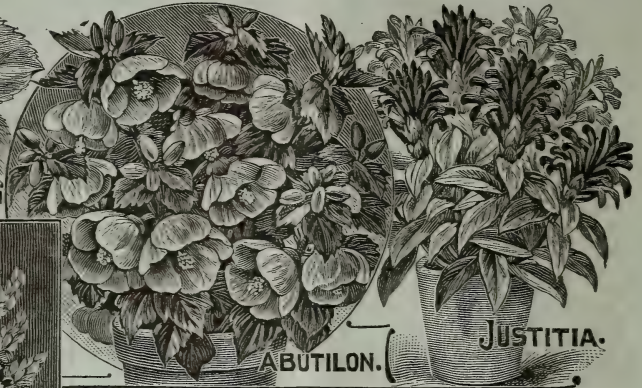
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**RUSSELLIA GRANDIFLORA.**

**BEGONIA "GOLDEN GLEAM"**



**JUSTITIA.**

**ABUTILON.**



**GENISTA.**



**MANETTIA VINE.**



**BRIDAL ROSE.**



**BUTTERFLY FLOWER.**



**LILY OF THE VALLEY PLANT.**

## 12 Beautiful Plants at 10c. Each.

These are all very fine for winter blooming and we send them, fine, strong plants, at 10c. each, the 12 for \$1.00.

**ABUTILON, Infanta Eulalia**—This is perfection itself. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time, summer and winter. Color a most beautiful soft satin-pink.

**ABUTILON, Wm. McKinley**—Like the above except in color, which is a fine golden yellow.

**BEGONIA, Golden Gleam**—Of dwarf, compact habit, with beautiful, clean, healthy foliage which is of a golden-yellow color, making it a most odd, interesting and beautiful pot plant. It is a fine bedder and when planted out in full sun the foliage on many of the plants will color up into various shades of bronzy-crimson intermingled with the yellow ground color, giving an appearance of most beautiful colored autumn leaves. The flowers are produced very freely, and on some plants will be white, on others pink. It is a plant that will bloom every day in

the year, and either for the garden or as a window plant will give immense satisfaction.

**RUSSELLIA, Grandiflora**—This plant has long, wiry stems which grow in graceful, drooping masses. On these stems are borne quantities of long, tubular flowers of the most vivid scarlet color, something like a Manettia bloom, but more numerous. It is a novel and beautiful plant, suitable either for beds in summer or pot culture. In pots it blooms the entire year, especially during the winter. The great drooping masses of bloom are like a fountain of coral, scarlet and green. In any climate it is one of the very easiest of all plants to grow, and certainly one of the most brilliant and persistent bloomers.

**BRIDAL ROSE**—A remarkable plant with leaves resembling a blackberry in shape; its flowers are produced during the winter, and are as double as a Paeony and almost as large. Color, pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is most novel and attractive. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere.

**FLORAL BUTTERFLY PLANT**—No plant in cultivation possesses so great a number of superior points as do these two beautiful new Commelinas. Plants are of a graceful, trailing habit, superb for carpet bedding or for hanging pots. In pots it blooms every day in the year. Color, the most beautiful blue to be found in any flower. A shade so exquisitely lovely as to baffle description. Thrives in sun or shade, wet or dry, rich or poor soil; as easily raised as a weed from seed or cuttings, grows rapidly, flowers at once, and propagates easily.

**GENISTA, Shower of Gold**—As a plant for late winter and early spring blooming (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. Flowers golden yellow, very fragrant, and borne in large drooping racemes, and in such quantity as to almost hide leaf and branch—most truly a "Shower of Gold." It is one of the easiest plants to grow we ever saw, and is absolutely sure to bloom profusely in any window. As a plant for rare beauty, delightful fragrance and ease of culture it has no superior, and should adorn every home.

**JUSTITIA, Dwarf Pink**—This new sort begins to bloom when the plant has only three or four leaves and is never out of flower afterward. If pinched back occasionally, it makes a very dwarf, stocky plant, frequently covered with 20 to 30 large beautiful pink flower heads, lasting a long time. One of the very finest pot or bedding plants.

**JUSTITIA, Dwarf Yellow**—Equally handsome clusters of bloom which are of an orange-yellow color. In all respects a grand plant which is sure to become popular. There is no finer flowering plant than the Justitia.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY PLANT**—A beautiful new plant of a trailing or creeping habit, being best adapted for a hanging-pot or basket. It has beautiful heart-shaped leaves and branches freely, growing in most beautiful symmetrical form. It is in bloom all the time, the pendulous blossoms appearing at the axis of the leaves and are bell-shaped, pure white, and about the size, form and color of Lily-of-the-Valley. As a specimen pot or basket flower to be suspended in the window it is the finest thing of the sort we have ever seen. Grow very rapidly and makes a lovely plant in a short time.

**MANETTIA VINE**—In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom both summer and winter, showing at all times thousands of bright blossoms. The flowers are 1½ to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet, shading off to a bright yellow.

**SALVIA, Golden Leaved**—Habit, compact, short-jointed and branching, with an abundance of foliage, which is of a fine yellow shade, hardly a trace of green about it. The flowers are a light transparent scarlet of exceptional brilliancy. The brilliancy of the flowers against the yellow foliage produces the most striking effect. Not only is the plant a fine bedder but it is also a magnificent pot plant, blooming at any and all times of the year without intermission. For winter it is particularly fine, and the most brilliant plant that can be grown in one's window.



# FINE FOLIAGE PLANTS.

The following superior foliage plants are well adapted to window culture during winter and are highly desirable.

## FILIFERA, OR WEeping PALM.

One of the best window Palms, needing no potting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark, feathery green. Picturesquely fringed with long thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower, well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda or be placed about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per packet.

## BOSTON FERN.

Of all decorative plants for house culture this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room, even if out of the reach of the sun's rays. No Fern is so good in this respect. Plants form an immense number of graceful drooping fronds, varying in length from two to five feet, and always of a fresh, healthy and beautiful green color. These fronds keep in perfect condition for years. We cannot too highly recommend it. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## PIGMY BOSTON FERN.

Plant makes a dense mass of hundreds of beautiful fronds no wider than one's finger, which grow to a considerable length and curve most gracefully. For small pots and baskets it is the finest thing yet introduced. Grows readily in any window or on a veranda in the open air and is an object of exquisite beauty the whole year. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## ASPARAGUS SPENCERI.

For hanging pots or bracket pots, where the mass of rich foliage can droop in its natural grace, it is one of the loveliest objects it is possible to find for window decoration. For cutting it lasts weeks in water. Plants also blossom freely and bear large red berries, which add greatly to the beauty of the way foliage. Nothing finer for decorating or for bouquet making. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

## SANSEVERIA ZEALANICA.

Singularly beautiful and easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves; in some old specimens reaching a length of from four to six feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, a dark green color, clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long plumy flower spikes. The splendid outlines of the plant, together with its distinctive marbling, make it a superb plant for jardinières, centers of vases, etc, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

[For other Palms see page 21.]

## PARROT'S FEATHER.

Long trailing stems completely clothed with whorls of the most exquisite foliage, finely cut. If planted in a water-tight hanging basket so the soil can be kept very wet, or water standing on the surface, it will trail down over the side in a most charming manner. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

## NEPETA GLECHOMA.

This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant and its leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging basket, standing any abuse. One of the prettiest things in the world with which to carpet graves, as it roots wherever it touches the ground and forms an impenetrable net-work of vines through which weeds and grasses cannot creep. It will grow in any kind of soil, in sun or shade, hot or cold location, and is ever a mass of green and white refreshing to the eye. Unsurpassed for vases, hanging pots or baskets. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—One each of these 7 Fine Foliage Plants for only \$1.00.





# HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

The list of Hardy Perennials here presented we have collected together with great care, having in view one special object, viz.: to supply the best varieties and best plants at a small cost. They are all perfectly hardy anywhere, and thrive and bloom year after year with little or no care after once well planted.



Show Bed of New

Iris

Kaempferi

## Double Iris Kaempferi.

These new Iris from Japan rival the Lily in stateliness, the Peony in majestic beauty, the Orchid in marvelous delicacy and blending of colors, the Chrysanthemum in profusion, and surpasses almost every plant in size and kingly magnificence of its flowers. Think of a plant sending up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight or ten inches across and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings, and combinations. Think of a bed of all colors, white, indigo, violet, lavender, mauve, sky-blue, royal purple, bluish, yellow, etc. Your imagination can conceive of nothing grander, and when you see them you will realize that they are infinitely more grand and beautiful than your imagination could portray. Such are these new Double Iris Kaempferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a lifetime without further care, blooming profusely in June or July, during which time they are the greatest attraction your garden can contain. Received highest award at the World's Fair.

**Mahogany**—Very large flower, deep mahogany red.

**Gold Bound**—Tall and showy, with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white, with large gold-banded center.

**New York**—Fine bluish purple. Mottled.

**Pyramid**—Tall and showy, flower very large; light violet-blue with slight white veins.

**P. C. de Rohan**—Purplish blue, shaded violet and red.

**Robert Craig**—Tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center; extra fine.

**Mrs. C. T. Saxton**—Pure white, enormous size and triple extra double. The finest double variety.

**Spotted Beauty**—Large size, very double; silky white freely and finely spotted with violet-crimson.

**Crimson Tuft**—Rich plum, shading deeper at center. Brightly marked yellow.

**Victor**—Fine porcelain blue, veined.

**Templeton**—Light violet, mottled deep pink and white.

**Hannibal**—White ground, veined and suffused purple.

Price 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 12 for \$1.50.

**Double Mixed**—40 fine sorts, \$1.00 per dozen.

### NEW SEEDLINGS.

Fine seedlings of Iris Kaempferi, which present a wide range of beautiful colors and large sized flowers, some double and some single. They are perfectly magnificent. 75c. per dozen.

## Miscellaneous Hardy Perennials.

**Achillea Grandiflora**—It commences to bloom by the first of July and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost, as many as 5,000 flowers having been counted upon the plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, in large 'sprays, and are unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc.

**Anemone Whirlwind**—A variety of the beautiful old A. Japonica, but with large, semi-double blossoms of a snow-white color. It possesses a beauty and airy grace which is seen in but few flowers, and its great profusion of bloom at the end of summer and during fall, when pure white flowers are scarce, makes it very valuable.

**Calliopsis Lanceolata**—Each plant is a sheet of golden yellow blossoms borne high above the foliage on long, wiry stems.

**Hemerocallis, Lemon Lily**—The clear yellow, lily-like flowers are borne on long stiff stalks, making them superior flowers for large vases or pulpit bouquets.

**Mosquito Catcher Plant**—It grows one to two feet high and all summer, bearing a profusion of pretty, white, star-like blossoms that secrete a viscid fluid that attracts mosquitoes, and sometimes other insects as well. Alas for the poor mosquito! No struggling on his part can ever free him after he has once dipped his beak in the forbidden sweets.

**Perennial Poppy**—If there is a more gorgeous flower anywhere than the Perennial Poppy we fail to know it. The most indifferent observer stands spell-bound in the presence of its magnificent fire-like heart of innumerable purple-black stamens.

**Day Lily, Variegated Leaved**—Leaves as handsome as a flower. A rosette cluster of almost white leaves, lightly striped with green and yellow. Flowers pretty pale lilac-blue on tall spikes. Fine also for pots. Altogether this is one of the very finest of all hardy plants.

**Hardy Candytuft**—A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth, and producing its profusion of blooms in May or June, when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of blooms is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as will this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall, it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy and foliage evergreen.

**Rudbeckia Golden Glow**—A hardy perennial plant growing eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds, on long, graceful stems exquisite double blossoms of the brightest golden color and large as Dahlias.

Fine plants, 15c. each; any 4 for 50c.; the 9 for \$1.00. Any one sort at \$1.00 per dozen.

The Mayflower for December, 1903, will be devoted entirely to Iris and their culture.



## Calystegia Pubescens.



A fine double perennial Morning Glory. A hardy perennial vine, coming from the roots each spring, and bearing quantities of pale satiny-pink flowers, as full and double as Roses. Just the vine for rockeries, banks, poor, hard soil, where nothing else will grow, or a hundred other places, where a really handsome trailing or climbing vine is needed that is able to take care of itself. The vines we send out will bloom the first season and continue all summer. Its long vines wreathed in a profusion of large, double Rose-like blossoms are very attractive. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

## Pæonies.

The favorite of to-day, as it was fifty years ago. Luxuriant foliage plants, with magnificent, double incurved flowers of enormous size and rich colorings. Nothing can surpass the intensity of the dark varieties that fairly glow with a radiant fire of richness, while the white and pale varieties are very soft and delicate in their coloring.

**New Giant**—Like an enormous double Rose, of a blush, almost white color; a Pæony which grows 3 to 4 feet high, and bears flowers nearly as large as a man's hat; the flower is the same shape, fragrance, and exquisite satin-like pink color as Baroness Rothschild Rose. It is beautiful beyond description. Fine roots, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

**Fragrant**—Deep crimson-pink, double and very sweet. 20c.  
**Double White**—Pure white, very scarce, 40c. each.  
**Humilis Single**—Large, purple-rose; very early, 25c. each.  
**Officinalis fl. pl.**—The grand early flowering, old-fashioned double crimson Pæony, 25c. each.

One each of the 5 sorts for \$1.00.



TREE PÆONY.



PERENNIAL PHLOX

## New Perennial Phloxes.

Those who remember the thin-petaled white and the dull-hued purple Perennial Phlox of old-fashioned gardens can scarcely recognize these new Phloxes as the same flowers. These new varieties are in bloom from June until frost, and the individual florets are twice the size of the old time Phlox, and the shades of color the brightest, richest and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phloxes, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The varieties we offer are new and fine, and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap and we hope that all our customers will plant them.

- Athels**—A beautiful rosy scarlet tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.
- Snow Cloud**—White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.
- Charlotte Saison**—White, suffused with pink, deepening towards the center to bright vermilion.
- Lasoliel**—Enormous flowers and truss, individual flowers being 1½ inches across. Color, light crimson tinged with lilac and shaded lighter towards the center.
- Diplomat**—Beautiful light lilac with crimson eye. Very large flower and truss.
- Eclair**—Deep, bright purplish crimson. Extra large.
- Claster Clarence Hulse**—Pure white. Flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.
- Sylvester Hulse**—Beautiful lilac-rose.
- Miss Hattie Hulse**—Pure white with beautiful pink eye.
- Morty Hulse**—Beautiful rose-lilac, marbled with white, flowers large and of beautiful form.
- Pluton**—Deep wine-red; splendid. New.
- Mad. Reudatier**—Fine lilac, bordered and flaked white.
- Pyramidal White**—A great acquisition, being a plant of sturdy, compact growth, and bearing enormous pyramidal panicles of great blossoms. By far the finest white, and in all round good points the finest Perennial Phlox grown. Great solid panicles of grand effect.
- Pyramidal Crimson**—Like the above, with same great blossoms, but of a bright crimson color. The two sorts contrast finely. They bloom all summer long and are equal to Hydrangeas in majestic beauty.

15c. each; any 6 for 60c.; the 14 for \$1.00.

## Aster Alpina.

One of the most charming hardy perennial plants we have ever seen. Its flowers are borne in profusion early in spring, and are the size of a large wild Daisy, about three inches across, composed of a double row of intensely blue petals, surrounding a golden yellow centre. It is double the size of any other hardy Aster, and closely resembles a large Paris Daisy in shape and general appearance. Another important point is its extreme earliness, beginning to bloom usually in May. Price, 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00.

## White Day Lily.—(Funkia.)

Pure in color as the driven snow, as smooth in texture as though cut from sheeted wax, all its snowy trumpets exhaling sweet fragrance, no sweeter, lovelier or more perfect flower can be grown. Perfectly hardy, and easy to grow. Blooms continuously from August until frost, producing scores and even hundreds of its large Lillies. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



ASTER ALPINUS.

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## HARDY ORNAMENTAL FLOWERING SHRUBS.

Nothing can take the place of Shrubbery for the lawn, for hedges and specimen clumps. Shrubs thrive in any situation, are beautiful all summer, producing some of the choicest of out-door blooms. The list here offered is a select one including only the very finest and most desirable sorts.

**Aithea**—A fine tall-growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy double flowers, that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting or grouping upon the lawn.

**Hardy Azaleas, Mollis**—Among the rarest and choicest of all garden flowers. Great flaming masses of bloom are produced by these new Hardy Azaleas, making a show the glory of which one cannot describe. Suffice it to say that the blossoms are often larger than the hot-house Azaleas, and more brilliant and fiery in colors, scarlet, red, orange, yellow, pink, etc., often flamed and variegated in a lovely manner. Perfectly hardy anywhere in the U. S. and the most brilliant flowering shrub known.

**Azalea Amoena**—A lovely hardy evergreen Azalea with beautiful foliage, and fine compact bushy growth. In May or June the plants are densely covered with rich violet-red blossoms, which are exceedingly showy.

**Calycantus Florida**—The "Sweet Shrub" so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pine-apple fragrance of which one never tires, and a spray of them will perfume a whole room. Cannot be omitted from any lawn or garden.

**Deutzia Lemoinei**—This is the greatest recent novelty in flowering shrubs. It makes a low compact bush which in June is loaded down with large, round, snowball-like clusters of pure white flowers. We know of nothing more beautiful for the garden, yet it has the added merit of being a grand pot plant for winter blooming. It is not too large for a pot and blooms very finely at any time during winter. It is becoming very popular in France for Easter.

**Fern Leaf Tree**—A beautiful tree of a low, shrubby growth, making a superb large foliage shrub. Its leaves are like beautiful fern fronds, so finely laciniated and graceful, often two feet in length by ten inches in width. Color very dark green, while the stems are dark ebony-red. It also bears large bunches of red berries, and in autumn the leaves color very brightly at the touch of frost. It is one of the very finest shrubs in cultivation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the lawn it is grand.

**Hydrangea Paniculata**—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten or twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish toward the last. No other shrub makes such show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.

**Sweet Pea Shrub**—When it is in bloom it is really but a big bouquet itself, so full is it of dainty sprays of large lovely rose-pink blooms, to which the graceful pinnate foliage

is an admirable background. Flowers borne in clusters and are the size and shape of Sweet Peas.

**Syringa, Double**—A double flowered form of the lovely old fragrant Syringa. Blossoms snow-white.

**Syringa, Golden-Leaved**—The finest of all the Mock Oranges. Flowers like Orange blossoms, borne in elegant sprays and great profusion, while its fragrance is unsurpassed. The foliage instead of being green is a most elegant golden-yellow, which makes the bush as ornamental as most of the best foliage plants. Decidedly one of the most magnificent of all shrubs.

**Sprea, Anthony Waterer**—A perpetual bloomer, and suitable either for garden or pots. It is of a dwarf habit, flowering profusely when only a few inches in height, and at all times and seasons. The flowers are of a lovely pink color, borne in dense clusters, and have a peculiar feathery appearance which is extremely beautiful.

**Weigelia, Eva Rathke**—A grand New Everblooming Weigelia. Producing great quantities of bloom all the season, in magnificent clusters on the terminal branches. Color, deep, rich blood red, the finest color yet seen among Weigelias. A really valuable novelty.

Price, 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 12 for \$1.50.

## Hardy Vines.

**Ampelopsis Veitchi**—The fashionable wall climber of the day. Clings tightly by suckers thrown out along the stem, to rock, brick, etc., and is a wall of living green the summer through, turning in autumn to a flaming crimson, when it is fairly gorgeous. It stands the dust and dry air of cities admirably. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

**Honeysuckle, Golden-Leaved**—Marvelously effective. It bears innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a network of gold and green, often marked with pink also. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

**Honeysuckle Halliana**—The best white monthly Honeysuckle, with dark foliage which keeps fresh and green nearly all winter, and beautiful clusters of the sweetest-scented flowers that open a snowy white and turn a pale yellow. These are produced in profusion from early spring to late fall. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

**Wistaria, Sinensis Magnifica**—Fine large clusters of lovely blue flowers, produced in great masses. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Clematis Paniculata**—We cannot well say too much in praise of this vine. A clean, thrifty, robust growing vine of graceful habit, with attractive glossy foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow-white bloom. 20c. each.

**Clematis Coccinea**—A graceful festooning vine of graceful appearance. Bears a profusion of shining coral-scarlet buds and flowers all summer. Blossoms, bell-shaped, very bright and beautiful. Fine for decorating. 20c.

**Clematis Crispa**—Something like Coccinea, but more broadly bell-shaped. Color a fine blue, tipped with white. Very neat foliage. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Clematis Jackmani**—Large purple. 50c.

**Clematis Henryi**—Magnificent large white. 60c.

**Clematis Ramona**—Superb large blue. 80c.



CRIMSON WINTER  
OR  
EVER READY  
RHUBARB.



### Crimson Winter or Ever-Ready Rhubarb

Luther Burbank, of California, the noted Horticulturist and creator of new plants and flowers, considers this the greatest novelty he has ever produced. We made a trip all the way to California to see it and were so impressed with its value that we bought the entire stock. Briefly its wonderful qualities are as follows:

**FIRST.** It is the earliest of all Rhubarb by a long way and fit for use not only in the spring, but all through the summer and fall. As fast as stalks are pulled fresh ones will take their place. In the Southern and Pacific States it may be used all the year round, requiring only water in dry localities to keep it growing. It is particularly fine in winter. Color, bright crimson, except new stalks on young plants.

**SECOND.** It forces readily in the greenhouse or cold-frames, and will become popular and very profitable in the North for this purpose. For winter growing in the Southern and Pacific States it will prove to be a good thing.

**THIRD.** In quality this Rhubarb is simply superb, fully equal in flavor to the finest berries. The stalks are not so bulky, soft and watery as most other kinds, and the skin is so thin and tender that it is not necessary to remove it, and when cooked a beautiful crimson-colored sauce is the result, looking, as well as tasting, like berries. Flavor sprightly and refreshing, combining that of the Raspberry and Strawberry, but greatly superior to either as a cooked fruit. In fact, it makes the most delicious sauce and pies we have ever tasted, while its beautiful color when cooked makes it exceedingly attractive and appetizing.

**FOURTH.** It is a rapid and perpetual grower, forming new crowns continually, and is rapidly increased by division; robust and perfectly hardy anywhere. It will stand frosts which would destroy any other sort. This new Rhubarb has qualities which will make it as freely used as any of our standard fruits or vegetables. Large fortunes will be made in growing it for market, and those who start first will reap the greatest harvest.

Mr. Burbank says: "For forcing under glass in the cold North for constant supply for home use, and for growing in California and the South for shipping North and East it promises to be more profitable than anything else which the soil produces."

Set the plants 2½ by six feet apart. Two dry, dormant plants mailed to us in spring by Mr. Burbank, and planted out about May first, grew so vigorously that on July first there were more than a dozen stalks fit to pull, on some of which were leaves measuring 3 feet in length by 2 feet broad. Nov. 1st we were still pulling fine stalks from them.

**PRICE.** While Mr. Burbank has already sold several hundreds of plants of this Rhubarb at \$1.50 each, we are able to offer it at the very moderate price of 25c. each; 5 for \$1.00; 12 for \$2.00; by mail or express prepaid.



### Onion.

**Egyptian or Perennial Tree**

—In this we have an entirely new variety of Onion for fall planting. It differs from those raised from seeds or sets, from the Top Onion, Potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks ground, and grows so rapidly that it is ready

for market or home use two or three weeks before any of them. It is usually ready for the table early in May. Is unsurpassed for sweetness and tenderness. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the North. Pint, 20c.; quart, 30c., postpaid; peck, by express, \$1.50.

EGYPTIAN



## CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

For complete list of our New and Rare Fruits, see our last Spring Catalogue, pages 126 to 136.

### New Strawberries.

**Echo**—The great table berry. It has the highest and richest flavor of all Strawberries. A very productive variety, Mid-season. Fruit large. Every fruit grower should have it in his garden. When you have fruited it you will never do without it. While we have grown and fruited it only two years, it appears to us to be the **FINEST BERRY YET INTRODUCED**. It certainly has no equal in rich sweet flavor, at the same time being very large and handsome.

**Drought King**—The plant is a very rank grower; produces an abundance of runners, has fine green foliage and, although tried on various soils, I have never seen the least sign of rust upon it. Even our heaviest fogs, followed by hottest suns, seemed to have no effect. The fruit has all one could ask for in flavor; is of immense size, nice shape and elegant color. Its shipping qualities are the best and no matter how long off the vines fruit never seems to darken like other berries. As to yield, it is simply marvelous, and will, with proper care, produce ten thousand quarts per acre. Taking all points into consideration, I think it is one of the finest berries for the grower to plant. It certainly will resist dry weather as no other variety will.

**New York**—This is the big fellow that won the \$100 gold prize over the *Glen Mary*. After fruiting the berry another year we find it still in the lead for large size, productiveness and health and vigor of plant.

**Johnson's Early**—There is but little doubt that this is the most valuable early berry ever offered. Mr. L. Shanley Davis, of New York, makes a specialty of handling the finest berries grown, and he says that Johnson's Early is the finest early berry he has had in the store. In size this berry is large, deep red in color, glossy, firm, sweet, and of excellent flavor. In points of yield it is as productive as Crescent. It ripens with Mitchell's Early and is therefore as early as any and the earliest by a week of any large-sized sweet and high-flavored berry.

**Great Washington**—The real giant among big Strawberries. The berry is not only the very largest and handsomest in cultivation, but by all odds the best flavored. It is also a great cropper and vines are extremely healthy and vigorous, a merit not possessed by any other very large sort.

50c. per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$15 per 1,000. 12 each of the 5 sorts for \$2.00; 100 each for \$8.00.

### Raspberries.

The following list is the very best sorts known.

**Cardinal**—A new berry of great merit. It is the most hardy and vigorous of all Raspberries, often growing 10 to 15 feet in a season, and standing any degree of frost and drought. It is propagated by tips and its productiveness is most astonishing. We know of no variety that can compare with it at all. The berries are large, dark red, firm as to texture, with an agreeable, pure rich flavor, which is brought to its highest perfection when canned or cooked.

**Souchet Everbearing White**—An extra large berry of a beautiful light amber, almost pure white, color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' Allsummer, but it is better for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous and a great cropper, both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact, we think it is the finest flavored of all Raspberries, therefore most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color, contrasting with red or black varieties, makes a very appetizing dish when served together. In many respects this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

**Columbian**—A Raspberry of gigantic size, the canes growing to the height of 10 to 16 feet, strong and woody. Very hardy and vigorous. Fruit large, dark red, with small seeds. A cap variety, never suckers and is increased by tips.

**Cuthbert**—A very large, red variety, of superb quality. It is an enormous yielder, and grows freely in any situation. It will adapt itself to any wild or out of the way place and make a splendid wild berry, if one has not the time to give it culture.

**Colden Queen**—This is a sport from the Cuthbert, and is exactly like that excellent berry in all respects, except that its color, when ripe, is a fine, rich golden yellow. It is of high quality.

**Kansas**—The King of all Black Cap berries. Medium early, large size, great productiveness, excellent quality and perfect hardiness, make it superior to any other variety.

15c. each; \$1.00 per dozen.

### Great Japanese Wineberry.

The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are from the time of formation and bloom until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr," which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe the "burr" opens exhibiting a large berry of the brightest light glossy scarlet or sherry wine color. The flavor is different from any other berry, being very sprightly; sweet and juicy, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 15 for \$1.00; 100 for \$4.00.

### New Peaches.

**Everbearing**—This is one of the most remarkable of Peaches, as it combines many desirable qualities which make it of great value for family use. The first ripening begins in July and successive crops are produced until the beginning of Nov. Fruit in all stages of development—ripe and half grown—may be seen upon the tree at the same time. Two-year-old trees bear freely. As the tree blossoms during a long period, a complete failure of fruit can never happen. The fruit is creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and with pink veins near the skin; very juicy, vinous, and quality very best. Freestone of the Indian type. No praise can do justice to this magnificent novelty. It is really one of the finest things we ever offered. Good size, prolific, best quality and bears continually for three months. What more can be desired?

**Holderbaum**—A new hardy Peach of enormous size. See our spring Catalogue, page 134.

**Dwarf Japanese**—This is the earliest of all Peaches. It is a dwarf growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree one year planted, matured twenty-four fine specimens.

**Champion**—Fruit very large, often 10 inches in circumference. Flavor most delicious, juicy, sweet and rich, surpassing most other varieties.

25c. each; \$2.50 per dozen.

### Best Blackberries.

**Iceberg**—It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries. Clusters larger than those of Lawton; berries at least as large, earlier, sweeter and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is when ripe.

**Everbearing Tree**—For a Blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form.

**Rathbun**—The fruit of the Rathbun, unlike most Blackberries, has no hard core, in fact, no core is perceived in eating it. All is soft, sweet and luscious, with a high flavor. It is superior to all the well-known varieties in cultivation in this quality.

20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; \$1.50 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.

### Five Finest Grapes.

**Early Ohio**—This is the earliest of all Grapes; originated at Euclid, Ohio, in 1832. The third year from seed it set 30 clusters of fruit which were allowed to grow; they ripened August 20th. It has borne large crops every year since, ripening in 1889 the 15th of August.

**Moore's Diamond**—This is probably the finest of all white Grapes. The vine is hardy and healthy in growth, vigorous and perfectly free from mildew. Berries large, of a beautiful light straw color and are most delicious.

**Niagara**—The leading white Grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious, there being but very few varieties which can equal it. It is exceedingly productive, hardy and robust.

**Golden Pocklington**—A very sweet and delicious Grape of a beautiful amber color. Hardy, vigorous, productive.

**Moyer**—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is, perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape grown.

Price—Fine Vines, 20c. each; the 5 for 80c.; \$1.50 per dozen.

### Apple, Bismarck.

This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or so in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France in the winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color, and borne freely on trees two years old. A most unique pot plant and a fine little tree for the garden, the great apples on such very small trees attracting great attention. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.





## Select Liliun Harrisii, OR EASTER LILY.

Large, pure white, trumpet-shaped flowers of great beauty and fragrance; as a winter bloomer nothing can surpass it. Plant in six to eight-inch pots of good soil and treat like other winter-blooming bulbs. It is impossible to describe the charming beauty of this Lily as a pot plant. Our bulbs are extra large, strong and healthy, and that they may be fully matured before lifting, will not be ready to send out until the end of September.

*Extra strong bulbs of enormous size, which will give magnificent results, 40c. each; 3 for \$1.00. Good flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.*

## Liliun Candidum. MADONNA LILY.

This fine Lily produces from six to thirty lovely waxy-white blossoms, which have the most delicious fragrance of all Lilies. It is one of the most charming winter flowers, and sure to bloom freely. Treat same as L. Harrisii. *Extra strong bulbs of enormous size, 30c. each; 3 for 75c. Good bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 40c.*



## Fine Lilies,—Very Cheap.

Fall is the best time to plant Lilies, and as we have very large stocks of some of the best kinds we make the following special low prices, to induce large sales. Buy now, for they will never be offered so cheaply again.

**Auratum**—(THE GOLDEN-BANDED LILY OF JAPAN)—We can say that this is the grandest of all Lilies, and certainly the most popular. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Elegans**—Fine mixed colors. Very brilliant and an early bloomer. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.; 100 for \$5.00.

**Pardalium**—(LEOPARD LILY)—Rich scarlet and yellow flowers, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free-flowering. A superb Lily and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction. Succeeds in all situations. No garden complete without it. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

**Superbum**—Three to six feet high, flowers from five to forty, nodding; brilliant orange-red; blooms in July. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

**Tigrinum fl. pl.**—(DOUBLE TIGER LILY)—This is a plant of stately habit, growing from 4 to 5 feet high; foliage is dark green and very long, bearing an immense number of double, bright orange-red flowers, spotted with black. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 90c.; 100 for \$5.00.

**Tenuifolium**—The lovely Coral Lily of Siberia. A great beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a shining coral-red. One ought to grow them by the dozen, they are so fine for cutting, and make such fine clumps for the lawn. Bloom very early. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 12 for \$1.00.

**Umbellatum**—One of the very best, blooming in June or July, with very large perfect flowers. Colors range from black-red, through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, etc., many being finely spotted and variegated. 25 finest sorts mixed. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

**Wallacei**—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 5 flower-stems, each one of which is crowned with 8 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms, of a delicate, bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form and a most desirable sort. 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 100 for \$3.50.

*The 8 sorts for 80c., 3 each of the 8 sorts for \$2.00.*

## Grand Speciosum Lilies.

These are the hardiest, most robust and free flowering of all Lilies, while in beauty they are second to none.

**Rubrum**—Deep rose, freely spotted crimson and mottled white; perfectly exquisite. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 7 for 70c.

**Melpomene**—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for \$1.00.

**Praecox**—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the top of petals. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

**Monstrosum Album**—Broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty in a cluster. Pure snow white. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 7 for 75c.

**Henryi**—New and exceedingly rare. Tall, strong grower producing flowers in great profusion of a fine apricot-yellow color. The yellow Speciosum. \$1.00 each.

**Opal**—We had thought that no Speciosum could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. It is frosted, glistening white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet. The deeply recurved petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal. 60c. each.

*One each of the above 6 sorts for \$2.00.*





LILIUM SPECIOSUM.

LILIUM WALLACEI.

LILIUM HARRISI.

LILIUM PARDALINUM.

LILIUM TENUIFOLIUM.

